



Bay Little Theatre goes to the Opera

The players of the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre present the classic 'Three Penny Opera.'

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Bay High vs. Hancock

It's head-to-head hoops as the city, county basketball teams face off on the hardwood.

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Waveland Little League sign-ups

Waveland Little League will host registration for children between the ages of 5-19 this Saturday, Feb. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wal-Mart and McDonald's in Waveland and Winn-Dixie in Bay St. Louis. There will also be registration at the ball field in Waveland every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Anyone interested in volunteering for coaching or for the parent auxiliary, call 463-0092.

Gumbo Cook-off sizzles Saturday

The River Dock Restaurant at Kiln will host the first annual World Championship Gumbo Cook-off this Saturday, Feb. 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with live music by Bushea.

Everyone is welcome with a \$7 admission fee (children 8 and under free), that includes all-you-can-eat gumbo, prepared by 12 different teams. Prizes and contests. Vote for the best gumbo. Come by car or boat.

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Home is where the art is



"Girl Putting Flower In Her Hair," a 1965 bronze by Barthé

Artist's work back in the Bay

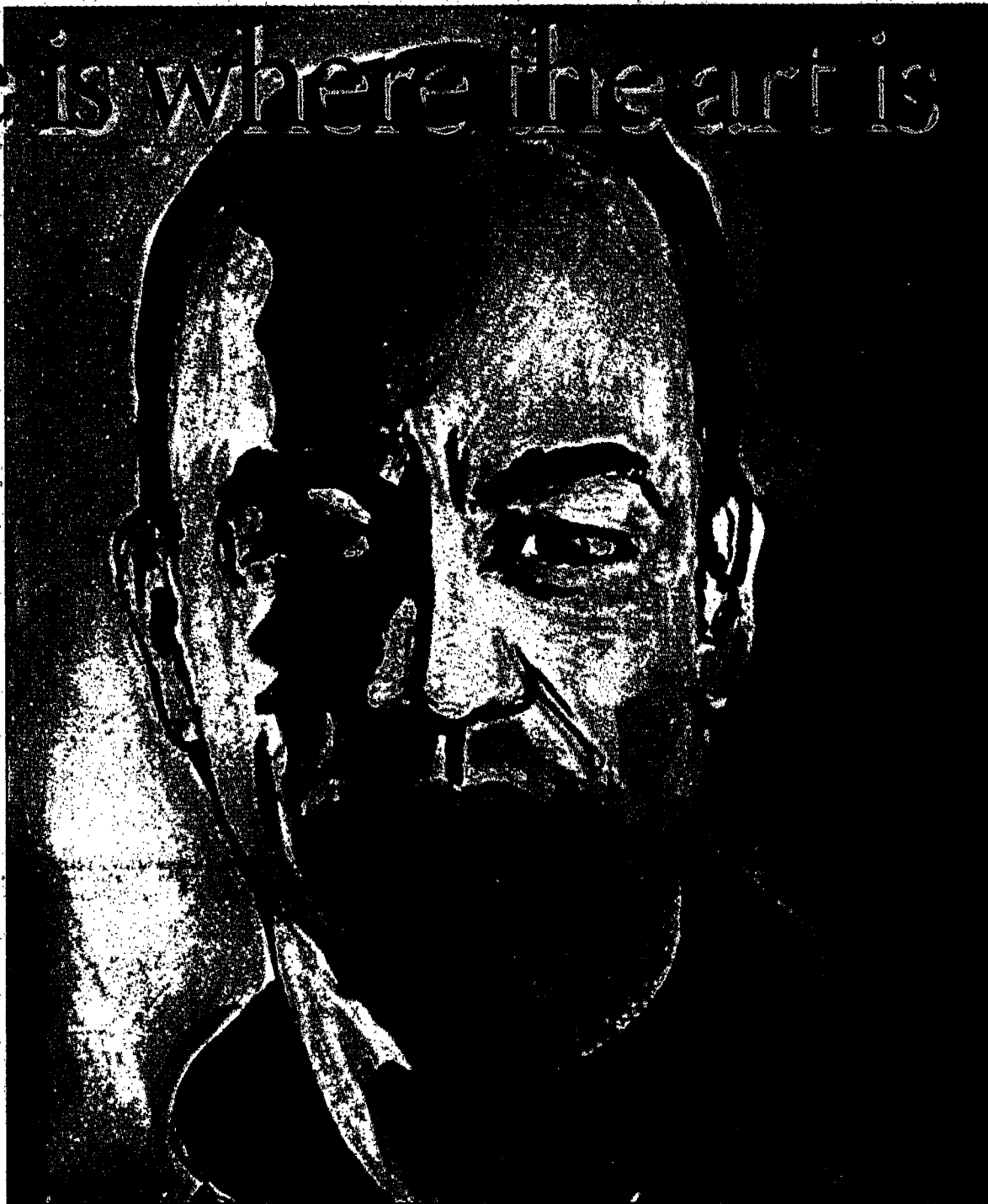
ECHO STAFF REPORT

An unprecedented exhibit of locally owned, never-before seen, works of Richmond Barthé, Bay St. Louis native and internationally renowned black sculptor, will be on display at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library beginning Sunday, Feb. 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. The exhibit will run through Saturday, Feb. 9.

To mark Barthé's 100th birthday and kick off Black History Month, the Hancock County Library System and the Library Foundation of Hancock County will host this unique exhibit of 11 pieces by Barthé.

Four of the pieces have been seen by the public — one owned by the Hancock County Library System; one owned by the Jackson-George Regional Library System; and two owned by the University of Southern Mississippi.

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The Bay St. Louis-Hancock Library will present the art of internationally-renowned black sculptor Richmond Barthé Feb. 4-9 in celebration of Black History Month and Barthé's 100th birthday.



"Bust of Thelma Heller, a gift for the people of Bay St. Louis, presented to Katherine Willson in 1964 at St. Augustine Seminary.



"The Awakening of Africa," a 1965 bronze, and one of two pieces on loan from USM's permanent collection.

Beach plan dredges up ire

Clermont Harbor residents feel they're ignored

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

If all goes as planned, a section of South Beach Blvd. will soon get a brand new beach front, but that has some residents of Clermont Harbor and surrounding areas asking, "What about us?"

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors has submitted an application to the Department of Marine Resources requesting that a sand beach, approximately 1.06 miles long and 200 ft. wide, be built along a stretch of S. Beach Blvd. from Sand Bayou to Bayou Caddy, for what supervi-

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Trailers not welcome everywhere

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Hancock County's chief building official issued a word of caution this week to people planning to buy property in Bayside Park and Clermont Harbor.

Willie Gayney, who also

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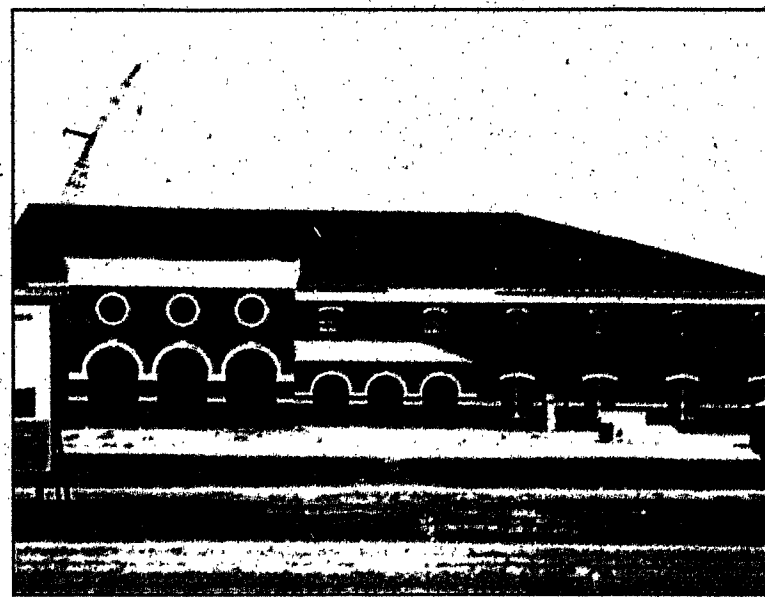
Bomb threat closes school in the Pass

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A bomb scare called into the Pass Christian Police Department Wednesday morning forced students at a least five schools to temporarily evacuate.

Pass Police Chief John Dubuisson said someone called into the station about 8:52 a.m. to report "there was a bomb in a school." The chief said the caller did not specify which

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A view of Pass Christian High School in 1999, just before it opened for class. The school closed for about two hours Wednesday after an anonymous bomb threat.

Waveland honored for unique flood program

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Once again, the city of Waveland has been honored with an award for one of its innovative community programs.

Waveland was judged "Overall Winner" for its National Flood Insurance/CRS program for "The 2001 Innovations in Municipal Government Award" that is sponsored by the John C. Stennis Institute of Government and the

Mississippi Municipal League. The awards program began in the mid 1990s to recognize municipalities that were addressing their communities' needs in creative and innovative ways. The programs provide recognition for municipalities making a meaningful difference in the lives of Mississippi citizens through new and resourceful government programs.

"The city of Waveland is to be commended for their efforts to

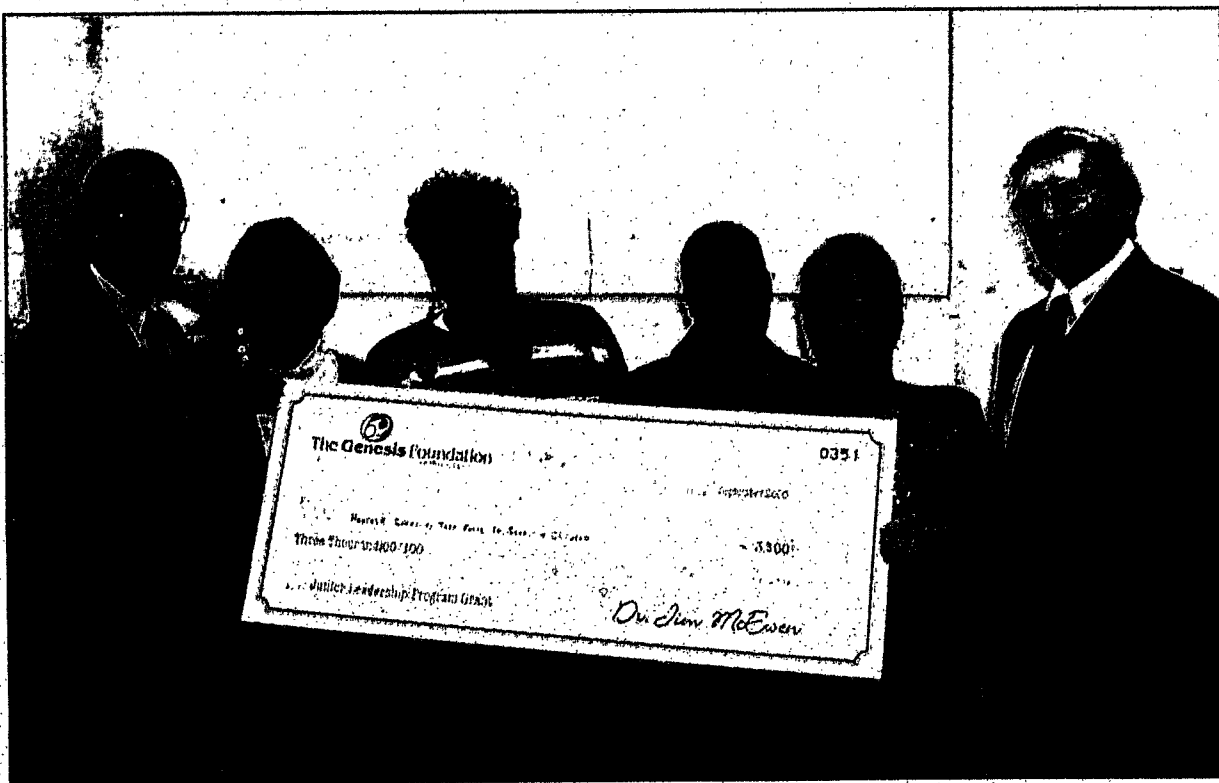
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SOC gets 17 new computers for kids

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Very soon, the children at The Hancock County Task Force to Save Our Children will be learning in a whole new way, thanks to a grant received Thursday from the Genesis Foundation of Mississippi and a donation of 17 computers to the center by G E Plastics.

The grant will make it possible to update the computers with new hardware and software. Director James Baldree said the center has plans to begin classes in basic computer skills and to use new educational software to deliver instruction and provide an opportunity to practice skills such as math. Baldree also said that the center would like to involve the parents in the instructional programs. The Genesis Foundation, founded in 1996, is a non-profit,



President/CO-Founder James L. McEwen Ph.D. of Genesis Foundation of Mississippi presents a check for \$3,300 to SOC on Thursday. Left to right are: McEwen, Board Member Geraldine Lang, Instructors Katherine Ishem and Lisa Cahn, Board Member Alvina Nichols, and Director James Baldree.

strictly volunteer organization, located in Long Beach. Their mission is to help people help themselves by providing grants, contributions, and scholarships to other non-profit organizations and individuals that embody the basic values of self-development and empower-

ment, through mentors and educational programs.

Funds for the grant were made possible by a fundraiser, featuring Jackie Joyner-Kersey, three-time Olympian, one of ESPN's 50 Greatest Athletes of the Century and Sports Illustrated Female Athlete of

the Century, as keynote speaker. All the proceeds were divided among various organizations.

To qualify for a grant from Genesis, applicants must go through an extended application process and gain unanimous approval from the board of directors.

Myers winner of design contest

Catherine C. Myers is winner of the 2001 St. Paul Carnival Association Doubloon Design Contest. Myers is a Pass Christian native and active in many parish organizations. She will receive a \$100 EE Savings Bond, a collector's set of doubloons and a "place in history." For doubloon information, contact Joann Webb, at 452-7816 or at St. Paul School, 452-7359.

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RONALD J. VANNEY
Director of Public Works/City of Bay St. Louis, MS

Compretta MDOT reform passes House Committee

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

State Rep. J.P. Compretta of Bay St. Louis remains hopeful his legislation to reform the Mississippi Department of Transportation will pass this session.

Compretta, who chairs the House Transportation Committee, scored a victory Tuesday when his bill passed by a voice vote, and was put on the calendar for a vote of the full House of Representatives.

"I think we had about 27 of the 29 members present," said Compretta. "There might have been three to five who voted against."

Compretta said the legislation could come before the House floor "later this week or early next week, and I expect it to pass."

He said he was disappointed by doubts cast on the legislation by Sen. John Dearing of Natchez, who chairs the powerful Senate Transportation Committee, which also must consider the bill.

"Before this session, House and Senate leaders, along with the lieutenant governor, met to discuss this reform legislation, and everybody seemed to be on the same page," said Compretta. He said the consensus reached in that meeting was the legislature would fashion legislation following reform recommendations made by the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Commission, which was asked to look at the management and efficiency of MDOT.

"We thought everybody was

on the same page," said Compretta. "Now, some of them have taken a 180-degree turn from what we heard in that joint meeting."

Compretta's bill was refashioned at the last minute to provide for five commissioners. The five would be appointed to staggered terms by the governor rather than be elected by popular vote. A full-time Chairman would be chosen from the state at-large and the other four Commissioners would be appointed from each of the state's four congressional districts. They would replace the three Commissioners now elected.

The restructuring of the bill still didn't do much to please

Wayne Brown, the elected Commissioner who represents the state's Southern District.

He argued the Commissioner who serves as Chairman will actually "run the show."

Rep. Diane Peranich of Pass Christian remains one of Compretta's staunchest supporters. She said, "The time is now," to pass the MDOT reform legislation.

Although the debate over appointing commissioners beginning in 2004 is drawing the most heated debate, Compretta said the Senate Committee headed by Pierce should consider the other reform legislation contained in the bill.

"It includes the PEER

Committee's core recommendations for reforming MDOT," said Compretta.

Those recommendations are to:

- Create an Office of Value Engineering with an independent director acting as in-house auditor.

- Place a priority on road construction in counties with casinos once the bulk of the 1987 four-lane highway program roads are built.

- Require MDOT to build roads in segments of at least 10 miles, unless there is a justified reason for not doing so.

- Require MDOT to create a master budget, keep better contract records and tighten up cost estimates.

Panel will oversee Project Impact program

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Organizers of Project Impact have decided to create a six-member oversight committee to set goals and priority for the program, which aims to make communities more disaster resistant.

Months ago, Hancock County's Board of Supervisors and the city of Bay St. Louis agreed to join the nationwide initiative funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and gave the go-ahead to file an application for funding. Local officials have also invited Waveland to participate in the program.

Sue Chamberlain, the chamber of Commerce's Smart Growth Manager, is in charge of the application process, and will seek \$300,000 in federal funding over a two-year period, which would be matched by about \$100,000 of in-kind services to be provided by the county and the city.

Last week, Chamberlain and other organizers held a meeting to discuss the proposed budget, and to prioritize goals.

Chamberlain said county and city officials agreed to appoint three supervisors and three council members to serve as advisors and to set goals for Project Impact.

Project Impact programs are in operation or under consideration from Escambia County, Florida to the Louisiana Line.

The first-ever Central Gulf States Project Impact Conference is scheduled Feb. 7-9 at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Ala.

The new head of FEMA is expected to attend, along with Hancock and Harrison County officials Project Impact officials and Mississippi, Alabama and Florida Emergency Management personnel.

Barthé -- exhibition

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The other pieces are locally owned by friends and family of Barthé, along with paintings by Barthé that have never before been seen by the public.

Handwritten postcards and letters by Barthé, along with numerous photos and newspaper clippings, will also be on display.

These items have been in the library's collection for some time, and some are personal correspondence from Barthé to local residents.

This display was recently presented as a poster session at the Mississippi Library Association's annual conference in Jackson.

Barthé was born in Bay St. Louis on January 28, 1901, to Richmond Barthé and Made Clementine Raboteau.

He attended St. Rose de Lima School and Valena C. Jones Public School only to drop out of school to work as an ice carrier with his stepfather.

He later went to work for a New Orleans family, the Ponds, who owned a summer residence in Bay St. Louis.

Recognizing his talent for drawing and painting, the Ponds asked him to accompany them to New Orleans. His application for enrollment in

art school in New Orleans was rejected because he was black.

So, with the financial assistance of a local priest, Barthé enrolled in and attended the Art Institute of Chicago, where he became interested in sculpting.

From Chicago he went to New York, where he became known as one of the most significant black sculptors associated with the Harlem Renaissance.

He completed many works that expressed his concern for the racial issues of the day, including The Tortured Negro and in monuments to Toussaint L'Ouverture and General Dessalines in Haiti.

During the 1940s, Barthé received many awards and sold pieces to prestigious museums, such as The Boxer, which was sold to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

In 1945, he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the first black sculptor to achieve this honor.

In the 1950s, Barthé left New York and made his home in Jamaica. His work passed into relative obscurity in the United States during this time, but he continued to have a successful career in Europe and

Jamaica.

While away from the United States, he renewed his interest in painting and was given a solo show at the Institute of Jamaica, and exhibited works at the National Gallery of Jamaica.

When the social and political climate in Jamaica changed and unrest surfaced on the island during the 1970s, Barthé moved to Florence, Italy, and also lived for some time in Switzerland.

He eventually returned to the United States, settling in California, where he became a friend of the actor James Garner. His final works were created in California, including a bust of Garner.

Maintaining a solitary, but productive lifestyle, Barthé was occasionally visited by friends and family in California and kept up a close personal correspondence with the Bay St. Louis Labat family.

Barthé died March 6, 1989. A memorial service was held for him at St. Rose de Lima Church.

More information on the upcoming exhibit can be obtained by calling the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library at 467-6836.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

Homestead exemption applications will be taken from January 2, 2001 through March 30, 2001. These applications must be filed in the Bay St. Louis office of, the Hancock County Tax Assessor between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm.

You must be living in your home as of January 1, 2001, to qualify for homestead exemption for the current year.

The following information is needed to file your application.

- warranty deed
- cost of property
- down payment amount
- license plate numbers for vehicles registered in Hancock County (must have vehicles registered in Hancock County)
- If you are over 65 Proof of age
- If you are receiving 100% disability benefits proof of your disability.
- If you have vehicles licensed in other states you must show reason.
- Is any part of the property rented?

You must re-file your homestead exemption application if A) You became 65 years of age. B) You became 100% disabled. C) You acquired a new residence. D) You acquired additional property that adjoins your homestead. E) Your marital status changed (divorced, widowed, separated etc.)

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sors say is seawall and road protection.

But Clermont Harbor Civic Association President Clyde Ladner said on Tuesday that the section of road running from Dane Rd. to Sand Bayou should be protected also.

"I'm not against the beach, but it doesn't make sense to skip our section of the road, which handles all the traffic from Buccaneer Park and Gulfside Assembly and work on protection for a section of the road that has very little traffic and has never had a beach front," said Ladner. "I feel like this project is serving special interest groups, like the proposed new casino, and discriminating against the people who live out here."

A project to replenish a section of the beach, which included Buccaneer Park, was abandoned in 1994 when a rare sea grass, Widgong Grass, was thought to be growing along that section of the beach. Later independent studies by marine biologist Dr. Lionel Eleuterius allegedly disproved the claims, but by then the contractor on the project had left.

"We still don't have a straight answer on the supposed sea grass," said Ladner. "But I plan to write for a public hearing on all this and so do a lot of other people."

Environmental specialist at Brown and Mitchell, Inc. Larry Lewis said on Tuesday that the grass in question grows in patches all along the Gulf Coast, and no one knows why it picks one area over another.

"The grass grows in mild climates in less than six feet of water, with light wave action and requires a good light pene-

tration - it will not grow in turbid waters," said Lewis. "Very simply, it is part of the environment just like marsh grass or oyster reefs - it provides food and habitat for small organisms and oxygenates the water."

Lewis said there is the possibility that some of the grass may be growing in the alternate site of the proposed project that extends from Sand Bayou to Lakeshore Dr. Lewis said the grass is seasonal and usually reappears in March. Lewis said that the dredge site, about 1000 feet from shore is too deep to contain any of the sea grass. The dredge site is about a mile long and stretches from Clermont Harbor almost to Grand Bayou. Engineers plan to hydraulically dredge about 250,000 cubic yards of sand from the site.

Brown and Mitchell's Bill Mitchell said on Tuesday that the firm would like to time the start of the project with the finishing of a similar project in Harrison County so that they can take advantage of the dredging equipment already there. Mitchell said that the project may possibly be done in two phases, depending on available funds and other factors, but that bids will be taken on the project as a whole, probably sometime in March. The Base Phase will begin at Bayou Caddy, Mitchell said, probably sometime right after that. The whole project should take about two or three months, he said.

Anyone with questions or concerns about the project should contact Linda Brown at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before February 12, at 334-694-3786.

Waveland

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create a solution to their flood insurance issue, this is a spectacular program," said Elizabeth D. Morris, coordinator for the program.

"It is a spectacular accomplishment," said George Lewis of the MML.

The awards were presented at a luncheon last week at the MML's Mid-Winter meeting held at the Clarion Hotel in Jackson. On hand to receive the award for Waveland was Mayor Tommy Longo and Building Inspector Mike Horne. The winning programs were chosen from applications from municipalities around the state.

Waveland's Community Rating System is innovative, according to the MML, in that it takes a team approach to communities flood insurance

compliance. Each member of the team is responsible for presenting monthly, as well as annual, reports from his or her assigned activities. The team consists of six members, overseen by the mayor. Present team members are Fire Chief David Garcia, CRS Coordinator; Fire Captain Mike Smith, Assistant CRS Coordinator; Building Inspector Mike Horne, Floodplain Administrator; Christine Gallagher, Zoning Official; Kenny Kientz, public works; and Police Chief Jimmy Varnell, who coordinates door-to-door efforts in emergencies.

The program insures that the community maintains its compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program guidelines.

NASA's apprenticeship program deadline nears

The NASA Office of Education at John C. Stennis Space Center is accepting student applications for this year's Summer High School Apprenticeship Research Program (SHARP) through Feb. 28.

SHARP is a NASA-sponsored, research-based mentoring program for students who excel in mathematics, engineering, science and technology.

The program is designed to provide students in under-represented categories an opportunity to build a career path in these disciplines.

After participating in an orientation, students serve as paid apprentices while working with NASA mentors in a specific area of science, engineering or technology for eight weeks during the summer.

To be eligible, the student must be a U.S. citizen, at least 16 years of age by the beginning

of the program in June and be available on a full-time basis for the duration of the program.

Also, the student must be a permanent resident of Mississippi or Louisiana and attend a school within a 50-mile radius of Stennis Space Center.

Eligibility requirements also include the completion of at least two college preparatory courses in both mathematics and science with a "B" average in each and an overall "B" in other courses. In addition, the student must demonstrate an interest in and aptitude for careers in math, engineering, science or technology and be willing to participate in a formal interview as part of the placement process if chosen as a finalist. The deadline for applications is Feb. 28. For additional information, contact Wanda Wright-Trollinger at (228) 688-2455, or visit the web site at <http://www.mtsibase.com/sharp>.

Head Start drive begins

Mississippi Action for Progress Inc. (MAP), a non-private child care organization, announces its recruitment drive for the 2001-02 school year.

All children who will be 3 or 4 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2002 are eligible and encour-

aged to apply at the Bay-Waveland Center, 301 Necaise Avenue, Bay St. Louis. Parents will need to have a certified birth certificate, proof of family income (W-2 form), Health Department compliance letter, and a social Security card.

CBM students visit NASA



The gifted and talented students at Charles B. Murphy and Gulfview Elementary schools visited the John C. Stennis Space Center and an environmental lab at NASA. Dave Golden, standing in rear, made it possible for the students to see and experience the operations which take place at NASA's Research Center. Pictured are, front row from left, Ian Ferguson, Amanda LeMay, Meagan Findley, Christopher Bermond, Bryan Lynch, and Tanner Smith; back row, Brandi Graham, Skye Browne, Megan Lolsel, Samantha Warnke, Kerri Shlyou and Sarah Torgeson.

Trailers

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serves as the county's chief zoning enforcement officer, said residents who buy land with the intention of first living in trailers on the lot, need to carefully check the zoning for the area.

Gavney said, Bayside Park, in most cases is zoned "R-2," for single family or medium density dwellings, but trailers are not allowed as a "right."

"Trailers need conditional approval by the County Planning Commission," said Gavney. That involves coming to the Planning Commission offices at 151 Main Street in downtown Bay St. Louis and filing an application for a "conditional use." There is a \$50 fee in order to get on the Planning Commission's agenda.

Since zoning came into effect more than four years ago, Gavney said the Planning Commission and residents in the developing neighborhoods have become more selective about allowing additional trailers in Bayside Park and in Clermont Harbor.

For example, in Bayside Park, Gavney said, the commis-

sion encourages single-family homes to the front of the subdivision and discourages mobile homes.

The dividing line seems to be the area south of Ridley Street, where trailers are allowed, Gavney said. "But, even there, the Planning Commission prefers double-wide trailers," he said.

Gavney also cautioned people buying lots in areas of Bayside Park, Shoreline Park and Clermont Harbor, where sewerage connections are being installed to follow procedures outlined by the commission.

Several months ago, the commission adopted a new policy pertaining to newly-sewered areas, Gavney explained.

First, lot buyers must go to the Hancock Water and Sewer District offices on U.S. Hwy. 90 just past Washington Street and pay \$2,640 and a \$35 grinder fee in order to run their own sewerage pipes from the trailer or dwelling to the connecting sewerage system at the property line.

After that, lot buyers must go to the Planning Commission

office and obtain a building permit or a certificate of compliance.

Gavney said the property owner must understand that he cannot live in a dwelling or a mobile home until it is hooked up to the sewerage system.

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school.

As a precaution, Dubuissou said he ordered the evacuation of the new Pass Christian High School on North Street, the middle school on Second Street and the elementary school on North Street.

Dubuissou said St. Paul Catholic School and the DeLisle Elementary School were also emptied.

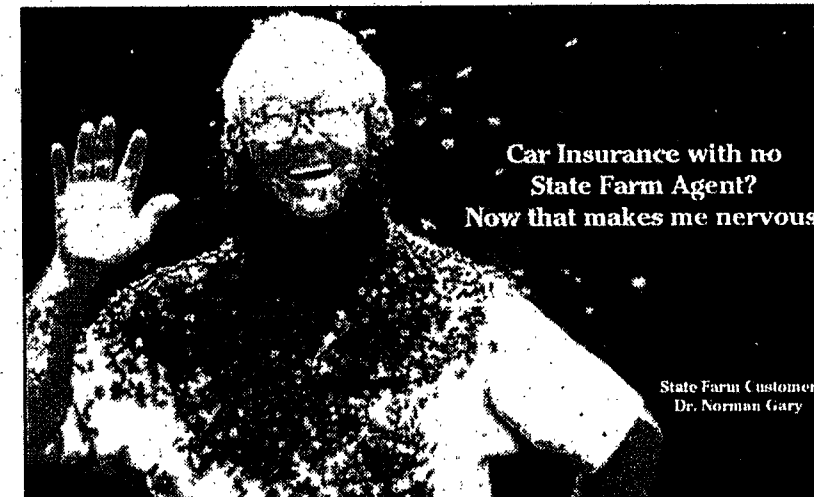
Pass Christian police teams were assisted by bomb-sniffing dogs brought in from Long Beach, Gulfport and Keesler Air Force Base, Dubuissou said. Nothing was found.

He said students returned to their classes after a wait of about two hours, and the investigation is continuing.

Supt. of Schools, Dr. Phillip Terrell, said the evacuation went smoothly and there were no injuries among students.

"The Pass Christian Police, Long Beach, Gulfport and Keesler units did a wonderful job taking charge of the situation," said Terrell.

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Ponderings

by James R. "Randy" Ponder
Editor and Publisher

Please help, you are my last resort

I haven't been able to get it out of my mind since I read the letter. It was a plea from a desperate, single mother, seeking food for her young son. The words on the paper tore at my heart.

"I lost my job two months ago. Since then I have been unsuccessful in finding new employment. It is especially difficult when I have no transportation and no one to watch my son..."

"What I am in need of even more at this moment is food and diapers. I would not be asking if it were not for my son. He is 17 months old. By tomorrow he will be out of milk and juice. By Thursday morning he will be out of diapers."

"I have done everything I can to find us some help. You are my last resort. Please help!"

She did not have a telephone, but her name and address were on the letter.

My first thought was to call David Treutel, Sr. with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He had always come through in the past to help whenever needed and was ready to respond this time as well. We simply needed to get the mother and child in touch with them.

The attempt to locate her was unsuccessful.

Finding the street listed on the letter was no problem, but the only two residences there did not match the address.

Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber was called to help and immediately sent a patrol car to the area in an attempt to find the family. Again with no success. The officer reported that he talked to the people at one of the houses on the street, but that they did not know of the woman and child.

An attempt was made to help. That's usually enough to ease one's conscience. But not this time.

I could still picture a tragic situation unfolding, and knowing help was available just added to the frustration.

Maybe the letter was a hoax. Certainly that is a possibility. Maybe not.

One thing is for sure, it's a shame for anyone to have to go hungry in this land of plenty. Especially a young, helpless child.

No one likes to think about things like hunger and poverty, but they exist. They exist right here among us. Yes, there are many fine local charitable organizations ready to help. But occasionally people slip through the safety nets.

Think about it.

Education Trust Fund thrown into budget crunch meat grinder

Finance leaders up at the Legislature obviously are beginning to use desperation tactics to cope with a state fiscal crisis none of them foresaw. Unwilling to face raising taxes, they are scraping every handy barrel around to find extra dollars.

But when barrel-scraping starts around the Capitol, it's time to beware. Right off the bat, lawmakers have put their hands on the wrong barrel. The 15-year-old Educational Trust fund, one of the few legislative landmark achievements of the last quarter-century.

Lawmakers are on the verge of siphoning off millions of dollars from the oil and gas severance tax revenue stream that were dedicated to the trust fund and use the money as a stop-gap measure to ward off possible teacher pay cuts.

The Education Trust fund was founded in 1986 upon the noble theory that revenues derived by the state from production of oil and gas — the state's two depletable natural resources — should go to the special enrichment programs in public education.

It was never intended to be used, as lawmakers now want to do, for current expenses, to bail out this year's entire \$17 million deficit in the Minimum Foundation Education program.

Not only this year, but for at least four more years do legislative backers intend to siphon off severance taxes from the trust fund.

Let's review for a moment the history of the Education Trust fund and its concept.

In 1986, Mississippians by an 82 per cent majority voted to create the Education Trust Fund in the state Constitution. It stipulated that only interest, not principal, from the fund could be spent.

Its funding started off modestly with only severance taxes from oil and gas produced on state-owned lands earmarked for it.

But a 1993 legislative act (sponsored by then Rep. now Secretary of state Eric Clark)

began dedicating in yearly increments over 10 years ALL oil and gas severance tax revenues collected by the state. By 2002 the entire proceeds of state revenue from the oil and gas tax would flow into the trust fund.

Lawmakers weren't paying much attention to the trust fund when the amount of money going to it and the interest it yielded seemed negligible (even though trust fund interest had helped pay a big share of the state's prized Math and Science School, and was used for buying textbooks and Vo Tech equipment).

But when the price of natural gas — and, to a lesser degree, oil — surged recently, the tax yield from the 6 percent severance tax levy on the wellhead price jumped exponentially.

Lawmakers a week ago began eyeing the severance tax stream to the trust fund as an unplucked ready-cash plum

when estimates came out that it would pump \$17 million this year and \$20 million next year into the trust fund.

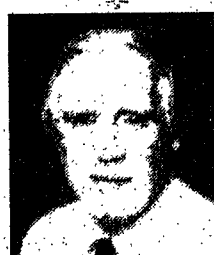
So, within a few days the plan was hatched in the Senate Appropriations Committee to cut off the stream of severance taxes to the trust fund for five years. Quickly rammed through the full Senate, it was speeded on to the House where it sits at this writing.

Scouts honor said. Senate Appropriations Chairman Jack Gordon, five years, no more.

If memory serves, back in 1932 when lawmakers put on the first state sales tax, they promised it would only be a "temporary" measure. Seventy years later it is still with us.

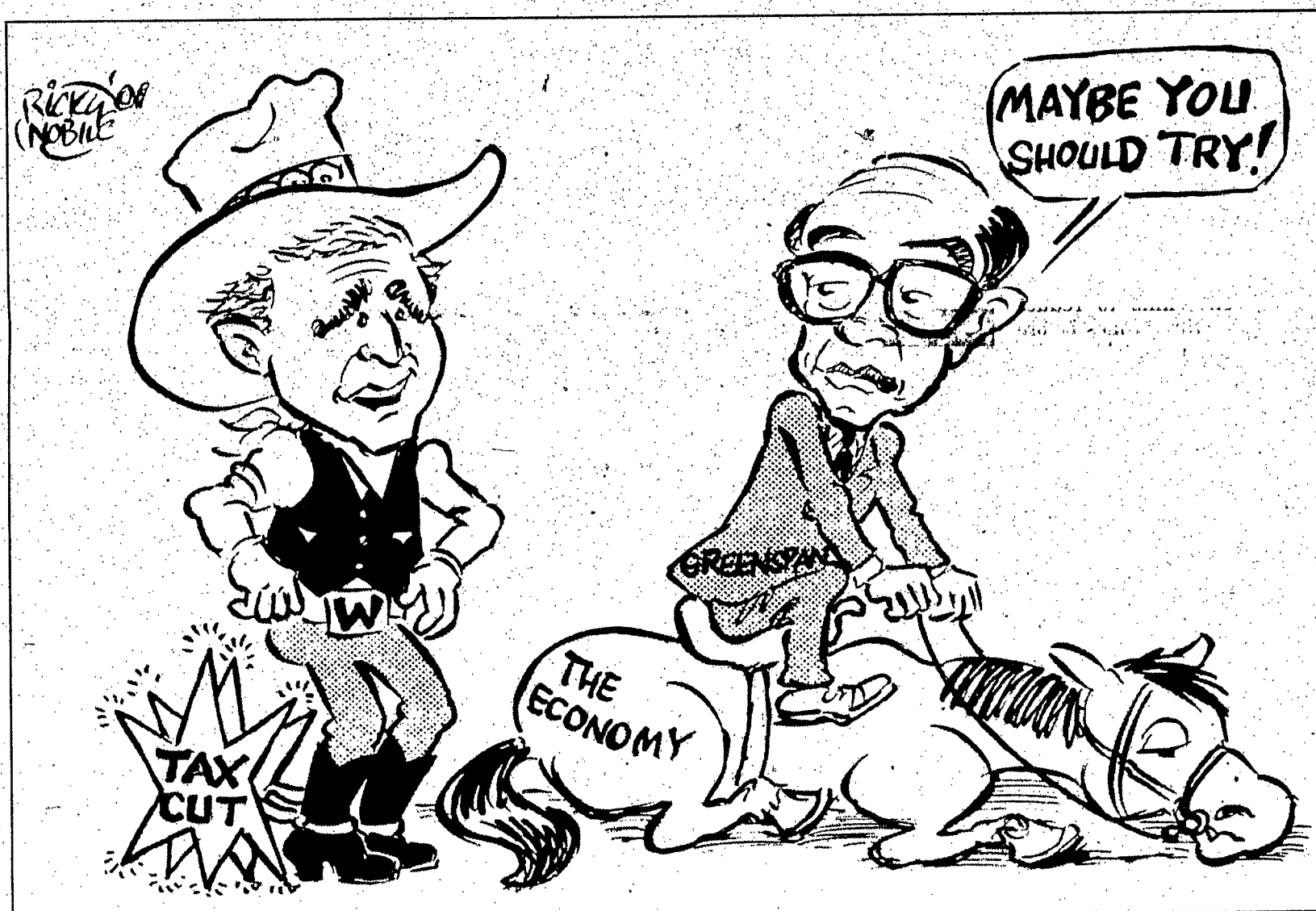
Of course, Eric Clark is chagrined that the Education Trust Fund, which he spent a total of 18 years to create as an enduring source of special educational enrichment is now being thrown into the Legislature's budget crunch meat grinder.

Especially, as he says, "just when we were about to get some



Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor



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TECHNICALITIES

By State Auditor
Phil Bryant
MUNICIPALITIES

Q Must municipalities keep records of all municipal property it purchases?

A The Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide section 11-C provides the accounting, marking and inventory requirements for municipal property. All land, buildings, roads, and equipment with a value over five hundred dollars \$500 must be accounted for in the municipality's records. Page II-C7 provides for the municipality to develop a policy for recording of selected equipment with a value of less than \$ 500.

Q Should a municipality adopt a policy to specify who may make purchases?

A Yes. Section 25-1-43 requires officers to be authorized by the board to enter contracts.

Q How should a municipality record its cost of collections charge for collecting the school ad valorem tax for minimum program and general operations?

A Sections 37-57-1 and 37-57-105 require cost of collections to be figured into the local school district levy. Such cost should be withheld from school collections and deposited into the municipal general fund as a collection fee revenue.

Q May a municipality allow the mayor or other municipal employee to take a municipal vehicle home after work?

A Yes, if properly authorized. An Attorney General's opinion to James E. Hutcherson (November 17, 2000) explains the governing authorities may authorize employees to retain possession of municipal vehicles for the benefit of the municipality (official use only, with personal benefit incidental).

Q May a municipality enter a term contract for commodities or construction that will extend into the next term of office?

A Yes. However, if the contract is for more than 24 months (up to 60 months) the next board/council may cancel the contract. [§ 31-7-13 (n)]

Letters to the Editor

Reader seeks answers

To the Editor:
I have never written a letter to the Editor, but it is at this time I feel I must. The tragic death of Mark Mitchell happened in close proximity to my residence.

I have a son a couple of years older than Mark, so it really touched home with me. It has been over a year now, and still no answers. Surely someone must have seen or know something.

To the person or persons responsible for the taking of this young man's life I say this, "Come forward, admit your

guilt and take your punishment. I don't care who you are. What you did was wrong!"

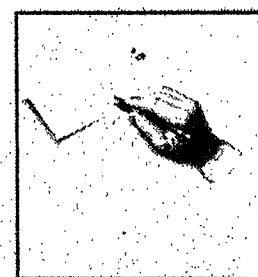
To the parents of Mark Mitchell I offer my deepest sympathy and prayers. I can only begin to imagine the grief and misery this has brought upon you.

Again I say to the person or persons responsible; do the right thing and come forward. What if this were your son? Think about it...

Sincerely,
Ernest C. Poillion, Jr.
Lakeshore

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



Favre

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The 'Pace' Files February Horticulture tips

By Stan Pace

The recent very cold temperatures may have killed newly planted cool season crops. Examine the young plants closely. If the entire plant has turned brown and looks water soaked, it is probably not going to revive.

But before you remove or plow in the young plants, give them about a week. Sometimes only the central meristem (bud) survives cold temperatures and a "dead" plant will recover when it warms up.

These "survivors" may eventually grow into the plant you desire, but they will be much slower growing and will take longer to produce than new transplants.

Turfgrasses require nitrogen in the largest amount of any of the essential nutrients supplied by commercial fertilizers.

Nitrogen is a vital constituent of (a) the chlorophyll molecule which is involved in photosynthesis; (b) enzymes and vitamins necessary for metabolic reactions within the plant; (c) amino acids and proteins which are a major part of protoplasm; and (d) nucleic acids that function in hereditary transfer.

All are essential in turfgrass growth and development. Nitrogen affects turf qualities as shoot growth; root growth; shoot density; color; disease proneness; heat, cold and drought hardness; recuperative potential; and composition of the turfgrass community.

However, it is important to

maintain a controlled level of nitrogen nutrition so that one function does not impair another function.

For example: excessive nitrogen can stimulate leaf and shoot growth to the point that more frequent mowing is required, thatch accumulation increases, roots weaken from carbohydrate depletion, and the susceptibility to disease and stress are much greater.

It is important to understand the nitrogen requirements of your particular turf species and the maintenance level you plan to provide for maintaining a quality lawn. Remember to get your soil sample done so that an accurate recommendation can be made with regard to which fertilizer and how much should be applied.

I would also like to remind everyone about the Mississippi Gulf Coast Horticulture Line. This is a toll free number where gardeners can call to get assistance from Master Gardeners, with problems found in home lawns and gardens.

Realizing that call volumes increase dramatically as warm weather arrives, this hotline begins operation on March 1.

Please write down the number and give our Master Gardeners a call with your home garden questions or concerns. Hotline Number - 1-866-Garden8 (1-866-427-3368).

For more information contact the MSU Extension Service office in Hancock County at 229-467-5456, Agriculture Agent Stan Pace.



Christopher Paget, left, Cajavis Clark, Shaaron Willis, Halcyon Morris, and presenters Bennietta (Benni) Hatchett and Connie Payne Lampley.

Black History Essay Contest winners told

WBSL AM 1190 and Attorney John Whitfield announced the winners of this year's Black History Month Essay Contest with certificates of participation and a cash award of \$50 each.

The essays focused on black Americans and their achievements. This year's Black History Month Essay winners from Bay Junior and Senior High schools include Vioncka Smith, Halcyon Morris, Cajavis Clark, Christopher Paget and Shaaron Willis.

Moss Point High School winners are Lauren Carpenter and Cynthia McClammy.

Attorney Whitfield's program airs on WBSL Radio Station AM 1190 each Thursday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Whitfield has appeared on several national television programs since his "shaming" sentences were imposed while serving as Circuit Court judge, including Sally Jessy Raphael

and the Maury Povich Show. This program discusses various legal topics and the judicial system.

It is designed to be interactive to the total community but especially to school students with involvement from the social studies instructors and students on the Gulf Coast.

Schools and their social studies classes have an opportunity to participate in this program in various ways.

They may fax in questions from the students. (Fax# 467-5295) live call-in and on-the-air participation cassette taped comments or opinions.

Presentations were made by Bennietta Hatchett, director, Hancock Broadcasting Academy, and Bay St. Louis Councilperson Connie Lampley.

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QUALIFYING AS CANDIDATE FOR THE CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS

The deadline for qualifying as a Democratic candidate, Republican candidate, and Independent candidate is Friday, March 2, 2001 at 5:00 p.m.

The first Primary Election is scheduled for May 1, with the RunOff May 15 and the General Election scheduled for June 5.

Qualifying papers can be picked up at City Hall Annex, 111 Court St. between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Charlene Rutledge, Municipal Deputy Clerk

Favre announces candidacy

Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre announced his candidacy for election to serve as the city's mayor this week. Favre has guided Bay St. Louis through unprecedented physical and economic growth during his tenure as mayor.

As a certified public accountant, Favre has used his money management skills to reduce utility rates three times before gaming income, reduce city taxes by 85% as the result of careful negotiation with local casino owners, overseen the progress to a Class 5 fire rating and a Community Rating System Class 7 rating, which resulted in reduced property/building insurance rates and managed an \$11.5 million dollar capital improvements campaign with no tax increase to residents.

"My promise to our residents and business owners has always been that I would provide progress with preservation and protection and I have kept that promise," said Favre.

"I have planned all the activities of the Fire, Police, Public Works and Administration Departments to guide our progress, keeping in mind the preservation of our city's assets and protecting the people, their property and investments.

"Extraordinarily low taxes, utility, and insurance rates, superior city services and local support are what investors seek.

"Working the simple plan of progress with preservation and protection has positioned Bay St. Louis to aggressively seek these investors, filling empty spaces, developing the vacant properties to meet our future needs, without raising property taxes. This will be my new agenda.

"One of the first things when becoming mayor was to have



Eddie Favre

the logo and slogan for Bay St. Louis designed. It wasn't difficult to choose, A Place Apart, and with great confidence in our ability to succeed we have enhanced and solidified our reputation as the best place to live, work, own a business, and play.

"I want to continue the progress setting in place a strong, diversified economic base to guarantee a reliable and vigorous future for us all.

"The new century is bright with promise that we should enjoy and progress, with preservation and protection, will continue to be my mission as Mayor of Bay St. Louis," said Favre.

Favre, 46, is a Bay St. Louis native, graduate of St. Stanislaus and University of Southern Mississippi, and the father of two sons, Jonathan and Jamie. He is the son of the late Nelius Favre and Ethel L. Favre.

Mississippi Recycling seminars

The Mississippi Recycling Coalition will be conducting 11 recycling seminars in March.

They will be conducted in Oxford on Mar. 29, Columbus on Apr. 10, Grenada on Apr. 12, Greenville on Apr. 24, Tupelo on Apr. 26, Jackson on May 8, Hattiesburg on May 22, Natchez on May 24, Corinth on June 5, Southaven on June 7 and Biloxi on June 21.

The seminar sessions will include illegal dumping and litter prevention, recycling collection and processing issues, establishing curbside and drop-off recycling programs, marketing collected materials, grants for recycling and illegal dumping programs, and recycling promotion and education.

The registration fee, which includes breakfast and in some locations lunch, is \$15 for MRC members, \$60 for non-members and \$20 for students and seniors. Advance registration is advised and can be made by calling the MRC at 800/545-3764.

Eyes

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serious money in the trust fund."

But Clark at this point is not going to fight it. "I understand the dilemma the Legislature is in, but my only hope is that if they do it (cut off the oil and gas severance tax stream) it will be for only a very short time," he added.

Gov. Ronnie Musgrove had weighed in last week that he would reluctantly go along with the idea, but for not more than two years, not the five years in the Gordon bill.

And Deputy State Supt. of Education Judy Rhodes felt the same way.

However, with classroom teachers' salaries in immediate jeopardy because of the budget crisis, "we have our backs against the wall to see that they get paid."

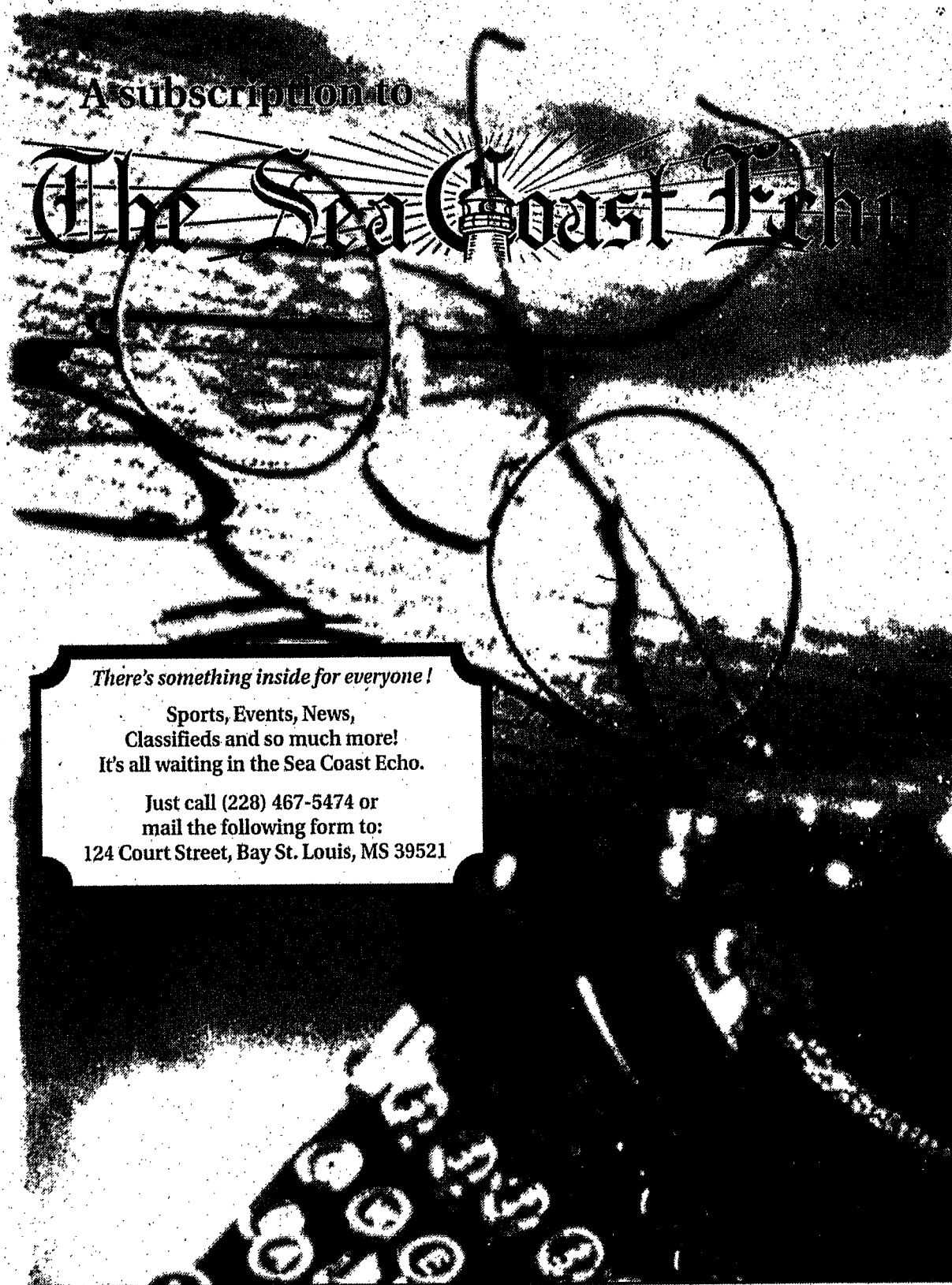
If the Legislature "in its wisdom" as the saying goes, comes along and fouls the Education Trust Fund before it ever gets

to blossom into a major cornerstone of education enrichment, what other trust will lawmakers tamper with?

The \$4 billion Tobacco trust fund was created two years ago from the bonanza settlement the state received from Big Tobacco, and interest from it dedicated to public health. Are lawmakers going to renege on it?

Another trust - 16th Section school lands - set aside by the federal government in 1787 for education purposes in townships which were embodied in what later became the state of Mississippi - was abused and squandered by counties for 175 years until a few courageous state figures such as John Ed. Ainsworth and Dick Molpus cracked down and stopped the abuse.

The endangered Education Trust Fund cries out for some courage now.



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AARP 55 Driver Training

Whitney National Bank, downtown Gulfport, will sponsor an AARP 55 Driver Safety Program Feb. 12 and 13 at 8:30 a.m. Monday and 9 a.m. Tuesday. Class will let out at 1 p.m.

Instructor is Herb Carnathan.

The \$10 registration fee is paid to AARP during registration. Participants are asked to bring their driver's license.

To register, call Elizabeth Berumen at 228-214-7229.

Hancock North Central Elementary entertains



Katrina Alnsworth gives a resident a big smile and a hug.



HNCE's multi-age class Dec. 15 entertained the residents of Magnolia Nursing Home with Christmas carols and gave hand-made cards to the elderly.

Make-A-Wish children benefit from Kid Zone

Dylan Ladner will be all smiles when his wish to go snowboarding in Colorado is granted by the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi.

Dylan, 9, of Bay St. Louis is battling Rhabdomyosarcoma — a highly malignant, soft tissue tumor.

Today, Dylan and his family will fly to Denver where they will enjoy a six-day stay at Breckenridge.

On Sunday, Make-A-Wish volunteers Jeff and Debbie Dahl treated Dylan to a send-off party hosted by the Pizza Hut in Bay St. Louis.

Make-A-Wish is granting Dylan's wish through assistance from Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi. Blue Cross and other community-minded sponsors presented Kid Zone, Mississippi's favorite family festival, in September.

On Monday, Chris Grussaute, director of Community Affairs at Blue Cross, presented Make-A-Wish president/CEO Janice Baddley with a check for \$36,000 raised during the event.

"We are thrilled to receive the proceeds from Kid Zone," said Baddley. "These funds will make wishes come true for Dylan and many of our brave children who are struggling with life-threatening illnesses."

"We currently have nearly 60 pending wishes. With an average wish cost of \$4,000 we are constantly working to raise the funds to ensure these wishes are granted quickly."

"We appreciate the tremen-

dous effort Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi goes to each year to produce Kid Zone for the benefit of the community," said Baddley.

"It's a great way for families to enjoy quality time together while helping to raise money to bring joy into the lives of families who are dealing with seriously ill children."

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi has just announced that Make-A-Wish will be the recipient of proceeds from Kid Zone 2001. This top-quality event will be held Sept. 22-23 at LeFleur's Bluff State Park in Jackson.

More than 16,000 children and their families attended the popular festival last year and enjoyed nationally-acclaimed entertainment, attractions and a wide variety of activities.

Businesses who may be interested in sponsorship opportunities may contact Chris Grussaute at Blue Cross at 664-4276.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi is a non-profit organization that grants wishes to Mississippi children who suffer from life-threatening illnesses.

Last year Make-A-Wish made wishes come true for 71 children in our state. The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi is a part of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America, the country's largest wish-granting charity. The national organization has granted over 80,000 wishes since its inception in 1980.

Hancock High Senior Project presentations

During the 2000-2001 school year, Hancock High has piloted the Senior Project program that provides students with the opportunity to create and present a challenging culminating project.

The Senior Project includes six components: extensive research resulting in a formal paper; active involvement with the business community; a portfolio that records the steps of the project process; formal presentation before a panel of community and school staff; a product that results from the process; and documentation of at least 20 hours on project study.

During the first semester of this school year, 19 Hancock High seniors presented projects. These students and their project topics were:

Amy Addington, Road Rage; Dennis Barter, Vikings; Inger

Breaux, King Arthur; April Carter, AIDS.

Jessica Crittenden, Veterinary Medicine; Ryland Esparza, Animation; Daniel Hamburg, Architecture; Kristie Keating, Culinary Arts; Sandy Le Engineering; Wesley Lottes, Nuclear Reactors; Jonathan Peel, Animation.

Dorothy Porcello, Breast Cancer; Jessica Rector, Breast Feeding; Karolina Sarnowska, Systems Integration; Staci Shaw, Entrepreneurship; Jessica Spangler, Interior Design; Owen Sullivan, Computer Programming.

Alison Walsh, Public Speaking; Crystal Wooten, Ophidiophobia.

Senior Project Coordinator Kay Lovelace said, "The experience these students have gained will be an invaluable asset to them as they prepare for college and the world of work."



Hancock High Senior Dennis Barter presents his Senior Project on Vikings.

Golden Key National Honor Society inducts La France

Amanda Gail La France of Kiln has accepted membership in Golden Key National Honor Society and was inductively honored during a campus ceremony this fall at the University of Southern Mississippi.

"It is only fitting that a high academic achiever like Amanda be recognized by Golden Key," said Jim Lewis, Golden Key founder and executive director.

"Our members are inspired and motivated by the challenge not only to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments, but also to make a positive impact on our world through the Society's commitment to service."

Golden Key National Honor Society is a non-profit, academic honors organization that pro-

vides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career networking and scholarships.

The Society has more than 300 chapters in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Australia, Canada, Malaysia, South Africa and New Zealand.

Membership into the Society is by invitation only to the top 15 percent of juniors and seniors in all fields of study.

La France is a senior at the University of Southern Mississippi and will be graduating in May with a BA in paralegal studies and a minor in English.

She is vice-president of the Paralegal Society and is a member of Gamma Beta Phi Society



Amanda Gail La France and Phi Theta Kappa Alumni. La France is the daughter of Gilbert and Glenda La France of Kiln.



Voyagers celebrate
Students in the Voyager after-school program at North Bay recently celebrated the end of their Mysterles Adventure. Wendy's, North Bay's Partner in Education, provided frosties and fries.

St. Paul's Mardi Gras Masquerade Party set

"Put on your favorite Mardi Gras mask and come to the St. Paul Carnival Association's Mardi Gras Cocktail Masquerade Party," says Julie Bosley, spokesperson.

The party will begin at 8 p.m. Feb. 3 at the home of Bart and Lori Danielson, 221 Baywood Drive in Pass Christian and will feature live music, hors d'oeu-

vres, breakfast, silent auction and raffles.

Cost is \$12.50 per person, and tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance. Partygoers are encouraged to wear masks, although it is not required. All proceeds benefit St. Paul School.

For information, call 452-2926 or 255-4207.

Dominion Christian Academy

High School Second Quarter

Alpha: Cortney Bourgeois, Nicole Copenhaver and Dontrell Morrow

Beta: Ashley Breland, Kelly Carver, Cameron Fournier and Jennifer Dardar

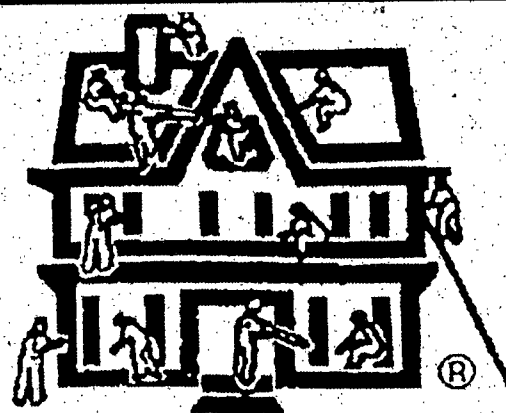
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Christmas in April ★ Hancock County ★

IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR FREE HOME REHABILITATION

Christmas in April is an annual one-day blitz to repair and rehabilitate the homes of poor, elderly or disabled homeowners in Hancock County. *Christmas in April* is a non-profit, volunteer service organization dedicated to keeping low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners living in warmth, safety, dignity and comfort through home repair and rehabilitation using volunteer services. After months of planning and preparation, *Christmas in April* volunteers join forces on the last Saturday in April to paint, repair and renovate homes and shelter.

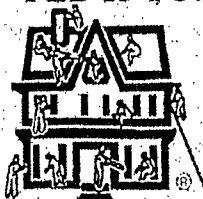
WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE ASSISTANCE

Low-income, disabled or elderly people living in Hancock County and who can no longer maintain their homes are eligible for our services. All work is performed free of charge. Referrals may come from individuals, churches, synagogues, community organizations and service groups. The home owner must live in the home. A home inspection and needs assessment will be made prior to selecting homes for free assistance in April 2001.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2001 MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 13

To nominate a home for free rehabilitation by *Christmas in April* volunteers, please use the form below and mail it back to *Christmas in April* before February 13.

COMPLETE AND MAIL BY FEB 13 TO:



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I/WE NOMINATE THE FOLLOWING HOME FOR
REFURBISHING BY CHRISTMAS IN APRIL VOLUNTEERS:

Homeowners Name: _____ Age: _____

Homeowners Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

[] Home can be inspected by Christmas in April volunteers between _____ AM and _____ PM

Nominator's Name or Organization: _____

Nominator's Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Our organization [] CAN [] CANNOT offer volunteers, funds or materials for this home.

St. Ann-St. John Church News

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available before all masses and any time by appointment by calling the rectory at 467-4746.

On Feb. 2, there will be visitation of the sick and shut-ins.

The first Friday of the month there will be Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after mass.

Everyone is invited to bring candles to church to be blessed. This day is also known as the Feast of Lights.

There will be Blessing of Throats after all masses Feb. 3 and 4.

On Feb. 3 and 4 there will be a second collection for the building and repair fund.

Anyone interested in information about the trip to Mexico, contact Yvonne Garcia at 467-3601.

To be a friend, a man should strive to lift people up, to encourage, and to set an example that will be an inspiration to others.

Wilfred A. Peterson

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Christmas in April names committee members

Christmas in April Hancock County has announced its Executive Committee for 2001 includes Becky Rotundo, chairperson; Cary Trapani, past chairman; Basil Kennedy, past chairman; Margaret Hadden, program/community liaison; and Judy Reeves, house assessment.

Christmas in April, a national non-profit organization, annually provides one day of home repair and rehabilitation services for needy homeowners.

Christmas in April 2001 will take place Saturday, April 28. It will be the program's fifth year in Hancock County.

The committee evaluates and selects home repair projects referred by area churches, civic organizations and individuals. They will accept referrals until March 30.

Nominees must be residents of Hancock County and own the home in which they are living. Sponsor groups adopt the selected homes and conduct minor repairs at no cost to the homeowners.

The homes' residents assist with the repairs when they are able. Supplies are donated by businesses, civic groups and individuals.

"Through Christmas in April, we can help beautify our community and help some of our disadvantaged homeowners live comfortably and safely," Rotundo said.

Participating organizations include Casino Magic Bay St. Louis, St. Rose de Lima, Diamondhead Business and Professionals, Stennis Space Center Rotary Club, Public Relations Association of Mississippi, Mississippi Beach Chapter, GE Plastics, U. S. Navy at Stennis Space Center, Our Lady Academy, St. Stanislaus College, Gene Stanbro Construction, and Hancock Medical Center.

For information or to make a referral or donation, contact Becky Rotundo at (228) 698-5328.

Ted Rose watercolor workshop at Depot

Ted Rose, well-known artist and educator, will conduct a two-day watercolor workshop at the Bay St. Louis Depot, Feb. 10-11. Class fee is \$75 per person. Seats may be reserved by calling 228-822-2374.

Rose is the author of *Discovering Drawing*, a textbook for beginning drawing classes used throughout the United States. With a master's of fine arts degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and a master of education degree from Edinboro, Rose has taught throughout the South, including holding the Gillespie Chair of Art and serving as Art Department chairman at William Carey College.

As a professional painter Rose has a style that portrays a wide range mastery of painting and drawing techniques, from tight illustrative works to more creative, abstracted pieces.

"We are happy to have Rose join the roster of art educators who present outstanding opportunities for our citizens and neighbors. Ted will present several other workshops throughout the year," said Talle Johnson, director of the Bay Clay Studio.

The workshop is designed for the advanced student. Saturday's class is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. at the Depot, 128 Depot Way.

Students must bring a set of watercolors, assorted brushes, watercolor paper, drawing pencil and board, masking tape, water containers, and plastic tablecloth.



Bay-Waveland Middle School and Bay High students attended state Band Clinic in December. Pictured from left are: Catchie Crider, director of bands at Bay High; Andrew Baldree, trumpet; Jennifer Scafidi, trombone; Matt Turcotte, clarinet; and Kelly Orr, director of bands, Bay-Waveland Middle School.

American Legion hosts Security Forum

The Clement R. Bontemps Unit 139 of the American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor a Community Security Forum Wednesday, March 7, at 10 a.m.

at the post home on Green Meadow Road in Bay St. Louis. The American Legion Auxiliary is concerned with the security of the community, state and nation. This will be an excellent opportunity for the

community to get first-hand information from agencies of the community.

The police departments, the fire departments, sheriff's office, civil defense and others have been invited to participate. Many businesses in the community have also been invited.

Bob Waterbury, executive director of the Coast Crime Commission will serve as mas-

ter of ceremony. Various agencies from the community will provide speakers and tables of information will be available for participants.

Refreshments will be served, and door prizes will be given away. The forum is free and open to the public.

For information, contact Phyllis Moran, chairman, at 228-466-0480.

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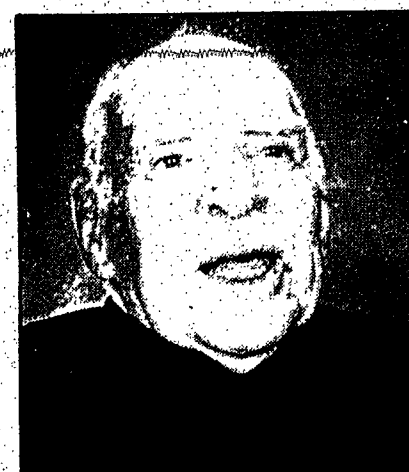
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LESTER WIESE III
ROBERT WILLIAMS JR.

PEARL ALBERT
 Pearl P. Albert, 84, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, in Bay St. Louis. Arrangements are incomplete at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.



BRO. G. AUCOIN, SC
 Brother Gunther Aucoin, SC, 88, a member of the New Orleans Province of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, died at St. Stanislaus Brothers' Residence in Bay St. Louis Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2001.

Bro. Aucoin was a resident of Bay St. Louis for the past 18 years. Born in Plattenville, La. May 15, 1912, Alton Xavier Aucoin was the third son of Etienne Augustin Aucoin and Mary Josephine Truxillo.

He joined the Brothers of the Sacred Heart at Metuchen, N.J. in 1927 and pronounced his first religious vows as Brother Gontran in 1929. He later changed his religious name to Brother Gunther.

In 1930 he began his teaching career in St. Rose in Brooklyn where he taught elementary school. During the next 46 years, he taught in most of the Brothers' high schools in the North and South. With a bachelor's degree in history, Latin and philosophy, as well as a master's degree in Spanish and Latin American history, Brother Gunther was qualified to teach a wide variety of subjects.

For many years he served as troubleshooter throughout the province, going wherever the Brothers' schools needed a particular teacher with his expertise in New York, Mississippi, Louisiana, New Jersey, Oklahoma or Alabama. During his 46-year teaching career, he took on more than 20 assignments at 11 different schools.

On four different occasions in the 1940s and 1950s, Brother Gunther was stationed at St. Stanislaus in Bay St. Louis as a teacher. He spent his final nine years in the classroom at Catholic High School in Baton Rouge where he taught from 1967 to 1976, his longest continuous stay at any one school.

After full retirement, Brother Gunther came to Bay St. Louis from Mobile in August of 1983 to recuperate from one of his many operations.

Brother Gunther has no immediate family, being predeceased by his parents, his two brothers, Daniel and Averill, and his only sister, Josephine.

Wake services will be conducted at St. Stanislaus school chapel today, Feb. 1, 6:30-8 p.m. with a prayer service beginning at 7 p.m.

Visitation will take place Friday, Feb. 2 in the St. Stanislaus school chapel from 3 to 4 p.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 4 p.m. Interment will be in the Brothers' Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Foundation, 720 Hearthstone Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

MARGARET BURNS

Margaret "Mickey" Beyer Burns, 66, of Waveland, died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2001, in Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Burns grew up in Bay St. Louis, was graduated from St. Joseph Academy and attended Pearl River Junior College and Southeastern University in Hammond, La. Upon marriage to Neal Burns in 1958, she relocated to Texas and Oklahoma where she dedicated her time to her family, church and community work with the Meals on Wheels program. After retirement she and her husband moved back to Waveland to be closer to her mother the late May Beyer, and her family. She attended St. Augustine Seminary Chapel in Bay St. Louis.

Survivors include her husband, Neal Burns; a son and daughter-in-law, Pat and Robin Burns of Orlando, Fla.; her daughter, Molly Burns of Waveland; her sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Pete Benvenutti of Bay St. Louis; 42 nieces and a soon-to-born grandchild.

A Celebration of Life Mass will be held at St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis Saturday, Feb. 3 at 10 a.m.

The family prefers memorial contributions to Poor Clare Sisters, Monastery of St. Clare, 327 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08608.

GENEVIEVE DERBES

Genevieve Green Derbes, 92, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2001, in Metairie.

Mrs. Derbes attended St. Joseph Academy in Bay St. Louis and Newcomb College. She was a member of the Southern Yacht Club and the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Paul Virgil Jaubert, and her second husband, Edward Joseph Derbes, Jr.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

J. HERBERT GARNER

J. Herbert "Herb" Garner, 83, of Diamondhead, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2001, in Diamondhead.

Mr. Garner was a native of Philadelphia, Pa. and a resident of Diamondhead for the past 20 years. He was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Diamondhead and was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. He was a Mason and a volunteer at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport. He was preceded in death by

his wife, Callie Gill Garner; and his parents, Jesse S. and Edith Legg Garner.

Survivors include two sons, Scott Garner of Chesapeake, Va. and Stephen Garner of Elk, Calif.; a brother, Robert Garner of Chalfont, Pa. and a grandchild.

Visitation was Wednesday, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Diamondhead followed by a memorial service. A graveside service was conducted in Biloxi National Cemetery.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

SAMMY GRIFFITH

Sammy Joe Griffith, 64, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Griffith was a native of Charleston, W.V. and a resident of Bay St. Louis for the past 1 1/2 years and a former resident of Metairie for 29 years. He was a Methodist and a veteran in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a former King of the Krewe of Arabi Carnival organization in 1983 and was a former president of League International. He retired after 16 years' service as a Jefferson Parish Deputy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Sally Hopsin Griffith.

Survivors include a son, Michael Allen Griffith of Baton Rouge; and a daughter, Kimberly Jo Griffith of Matthews, N.C.

A graveside service will be conducted today, Feb. 1 at 12:30 p.m. at Biloxi National Cemetery.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

LUCILLE HOLLIS

Lucille Langston Johnston Hollis, 87, of Bogalusa, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2001, in New Orleans.

Mrs. Hollis was the wife of the late William Johnston and the late Aubrey Hollis. Survivors include five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

ELLA JACOBS

Ella Jacobs, age unavailable, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2001, in Gulfport.

Arrangements are incomplete at Lockett-Williams' Mortuary in Gulfport.

ETHEL A. LADNER

Ethel Agnes Ladner, 89, of Clermont Harbor, died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1002, in Luling, La.

Mrs. Ladner was a native of Clermont Harbor and lived in New Orleans for many years before retiring to Clermont Harbor. Her final years were spent with her son in Destrehan, La. She was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Clermont Harbor.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sylvester P. Loiacano, Sr.; her parents, Willie J. and Sedonia Morris Williams Ladner; two brothers, Leonard V. Ladner and Julian L. Ladner; and a sister-in-law, Marius C. Ladner.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Sylvester and Shirley Loiacano, Jr. of Destrehan; two nephews, Clyde Ladner and Pete Lestelle; godson Stanley Ladner; and sister-in-law Velma Ladner Therese; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today, Feb. 1, 7-9 p.m. with recitation of the rosary at 7 p.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

A prayer service will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home chapel, followed by a graveside service in Waveland Cemetery.



JOSEPH 'J.T.' LADNER

Joseph "J.T." Ladner, 61, of Kiln, died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2001, in Slidell.

Mr. Ladner was a native of the Standard community and a resident of Kiln.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in the Dedaux community. He was a supervisor of education for 33 years in St. Bernard Parish and the director of Drivers Education & Safety in St. Bernard, La.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eli S. and Agnes W. Hansen Ladner; a brother, Cecil Ladner; and a sister, Golamae Caine.

Survivors include his wife, Lenette K. Ladner of Kiln; a brother, Odie J. Ladner of Poplarville; and a sister, Lucille McCullough of Bay St. Louis.

Visitation will be Friday, Feb. 2, 7-10 p.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A prayer service will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow at Standard Sandhill Cemetery in Kiln.

The family prefers donations to the Hancock County Library System.

RUTH HARRIS LOGAN

Ruth Harris Logan, 87, of Waveland, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001, in Gulfport.

Arrangements are incomplete at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

ETHA CAMERON LOTT

Etha Cameron Lott, 87, of Pass Christian, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Lott was a member of DeLisle Baptist Church. She was employed at Annie's Restaurant in Henderson Point for more than 40 years before retirement.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ruben Joseph Lott; daughter Jacquelyn "Jackie" Richardson; parents Randolph and Tabitha Reyer Cameron; brother George Cameron; sisters Ida Bennett, Ollie Bennett Herrin, Nancy Koenenn and Hazel C. Ladner.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Edward R. and Marion Egloff Lott of Metairie; four granddaughters, three grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Monday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian. Services were conducted Tuesday at DeLisle Baptist Church followed by burial in Alphonse Malley Memorial Cemetery.

CAROL MARKLE

Carol Markle, 78, of Pass Christian, died Saturday, Jan.

27, 2001, in Pass Christian.

Arrangements are incomplete at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport.

CHARLES MATHEWS

Charles Frank Mathews, 69, of Kiln, died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Mathews was a native of Newark, N.J. and had lived in Kiln 17 years. He was a Catholic and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Mathews; his parents, Charles Metty and Pearl Clay Mathews; and a sister, Virginia Jacobs.

Survivors include his wife, Flora Mae Cameron Mathews of Kiln; two sons, Louis Mathews of Kiln and Frank Mathews of Long Beach; a brother, Clinton Mathews of Dallas; a sister, Laura Metty of Providence, R.I.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Monday at Edmond Fahey Funeral home in Bay St. Louis. Burial was private.

AUGUSTA MORGAN

Augusta Morgan, 91, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

JOHN H. PIERCE

John Henry Pierce, 66, of Kiln, died Monday, Jan. 29, 2001.

Arrangements are incomplete at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport.

O. J. SCOTT

O. J. Scott, age unavailable, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

He was sent from Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to the West Haven Funeral Home in Jackson for services and burial.

JOHN SERIGNE

John Serigne, age unavailable, of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, Jan. 26, 2001.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

LOUISE F. TERRY

Louise F. Terry, 78, of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, Jan. 26, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Terry was a native of Stuttgart, Ark., and a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by a son, Earl Franklin Johnson; a daughter, Roberta Louise Kieff; her parents, Charles Dee French and Sarah Bevers French Glossop; a brother, Billy French; and a half-sister, Letha Louise Stoffel.

Survivors include her husband, Billy I. Terry of Bay St. Louis; two sons, Charles Edward Johnson of Summerville, S.C., and Larry Wayne Johnson of Bay St. Louis; three daughters, Mary Frances Hampton and Carol Sharp, both of Bay St. Louis.

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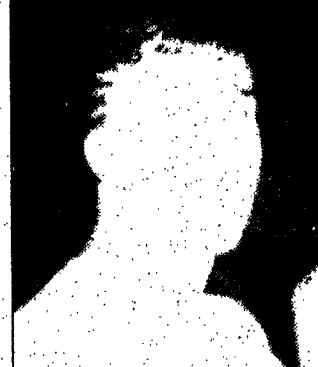
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SPORTS



The Hancock Lady Hawks defeated the Bay High Lady Tigers in a nail-biter Tuesday night at the Tiger Dome, winning 51-48.

Patience pays in Hancock's sweep of Tigers

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

A patient Hancock Hawk basketball program swept a pair of games against the Bay High Tigers on Tuesday, January 30, at the Tiger Dome in Bay St. Louis. The Lady Hawks of Hancock picked up the intensity in the second half of play to record a 51-48 upset of the Lady Tigers in a Division 7 Class 4A matchup. In the final, the Hawks outtried the Tigers after a methodical first period 65-41.

The Lady Tigers and the Lady Hawks went back and forth during the first half of action. Bay jumped out to a slim 13-10 lead after the first period. However, lead changes were numerous the rest of the way. The second period saw much of the same action as the first. It looked as though Hancock and Bay High would go into intermission with a 26-26 tie after a Devin Necaise jumper with :12 remaining in the half. But, Bay High's Shenma Ambrose was fouled on a shot at the buzzer. Ambrose sank one of the charity shots to make it 27-26 at the half.

Bay got two quick buckets to start the third period; however, by the 4:20 mark Hancock had taken the lead back with a Devin Necaise floater in the

lane to make the score 35-34. From here on out, it was a battle royale.

In the fourth period, the Lady Hawks had built a 46-40 lead with aggressive defense play and offensive rebounds. However, just as quick as they took the lead, Bay High battled back to tie the game at 48-48 with 3:33 left to play. Ambrose nailed consecutive three-pointers to bring the Lady Tigers back. But, Hancock was able to hold on to the lead and preserve the three-point win.

Latisha Shiyou stepped up on the inside for the Lady Hawks down the stretch as she grabbed eight rebounds in the second half and forced the Lady Tigers into unwanted turnovers.

Bay High head coach Debbie Triplett stated, "We did not rebound well during the second half of play. Defensively, we were very inconsistent with our play all night. Our success this season has come from different players stepping up to take some of the heat off Shenma Ambrose. But, tonight nobody stepped up to the challenge."

Ambrose led Bay High (23-5, 10-2) with 19 points followed by Kendra Reed's nine points. Hancock (16-11, 8-3) was led by Brooke Necaise's 20 points. Devin Necaise added 13 points in the win.

Hancock head coach Pam Slayton commented, "The game went back and forth all night. Whenever Bay needed the momentum, Shenma Ambrose nailed the three-pointer. She is a terrific player. We played a very patient game after the first couple of minutes. We settled down and played very patiently and with enthusiasm. Latisha Shiyou has been playing her basketball of the year lately. Tonight, she showed a side of her that we have been waiting to see all year. Her intensity level on the court is getting better each game."

In the boys game, the Hawks battled to a 9-6 lead after the first period. In the second period, however, Bay High's intensity level seemed to diminish as the Hawks built up a 25-16 lead at the break.

Zach Nelson and the Hawks took advantage of the Tigers' miscues and surged to the win in the second half.

In the final two periods of play, Bay High did not have an answer for Nelson and the rebounding prowess of Kael Peterson.

Nelson led the Hawks (10-17, 4-9) with 27 points while Peterson seemed to pick up every loose ball and turned that into 13 points. Jason Phillips added 10 points in the win.

Hancock head coach Michael Ladner added, "I was very pleased with our physical effort and defensive pressure tonight. Zach Nelson stepped his offensive game tonight with a good play inside while Kael Peterson gave us a strong rebounding presence. We were out of sync as far as our starting lineup goes and we worked in some different combinations tonight. Ryan Ladner played a lot more minutes than he is used to playing; however, he played his position well tonight. He played tough defense and moved the ball on offense for us. I was pleased with how we performed on what we have been working on."

Michael Simpkins led Bay High with 14 points followed by Corey Todd with 11 points.

Bay High head coach Monty Noblitt stated, "We just did not come out ready to play with the intensity that Hancock did. Coach Michael Ladner had his players ready to take it to us and we did not rise to that challenge."

Bay High travels across town to take on the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws in a division game while the Lady Tigers are idle. Hancock will host Pearl River Central in Kiln for the final division game before the division tournament.

Waveland Little League Baseball registration; volunteers needed

Waveland Little League Baseball has registration for Tee Ball League 5-6; Minor League 7-8; Minor League 9-10 and Junior League 11-12 every Saturday in February, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Elwood Bourgeois Park, Waveland Ball Field and McDonald's, Hwy. 90.

Early registration fees for February will be \$0 for the first child, \$20 for the second, and \$10 for each additional child. Parents should bring the original birth certificate if available. An original will be needed before season starts.

Volunteers are needed for manager, coaches, assistant coaches, umpire, scorekeeper, parents auxiliary and anyone interested in helping.

For information, call Leo, 466-2634; Leonard, 466-3400; or Don, 463-0092.

OLA wins final home basketball contest, 44-15

Our Lady Academy won its final home basketball contest Tuesday night with a 44-15 victory over Resurrection. DeNira Dedeaux was high scorer with 16 points for the Crescents. Margaret Magers added 14 points and Natalie May was top

rebounder with nine.

In the junior varsity game, OLA won 26-23. Hannah Allen was high scorer with seven points, followed by Jackie Herber with six. Whitney Lyons and Nikki McDonald grabbed five rebounds each.

OLA 4 - Resurrection 0

Our Lady Academy ended regular season play with a 4-0 shutout of Resurrection Tuesday night in Bay St. Louis. Emily Meyers scored twice for the Crescents. Ashley Chrisman and Laura Ellis also added goals as OLA ran its record to 21-1-1. Kara Harshbarger, Lauren Goulet and Rachel Cranford each had an assist. Ellen Ladner had the shutout in goal.

OLA will open the state soc-

cer playoffs here Saturday against Clarksdale. Game time was not set at presstime.

OLA Junior High 3, St. Scholastica JH 2

Our Lady Academy junior high avenged their only loss of the season with a 3-2 win over St. Scholastica Tuesday. Lauren Renz had two goals for the Crescents and Annie Giardino one as the team ended the season with a record of 7-1. Caroline Boelte and Giardino each had an assist.

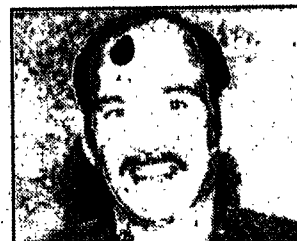
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Wednesday, February 7th between 5:00p.m. and 7:30p.m.;
and Saturday, February 10th between 1:00p.m. and 5:00p.m.**

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Adults reward youths in livestock programs

By Linda Breazeale
MSU Ag Communications

Some adults say youths need encouragement to be their best, but a special group of those Mississippians are preparing to put their money where their mouths are.

More than 2,000 members of 4-H and FFA programs across Mississippi will converge upon Jackson to compete in the Dixie National Junior Round-Up, now through Feb. 8.

An elite group of winners will receive the top monetary awards following the livestock show at the Sale of Junior Champions on Feb. 8.

"The Sale of Champions is the ultimate goal for most exhibitors of market animals at the show," said Gale Chrestman, 4-H livestock specialist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service. "For the buyers of those ani-

mals, the ultimate goal is rewarding a young person for lots of dedication and hard work on their livestock project."

The sale concludes the 2000-2001 livestock season. Sale organizers have paid more than \$2 million to young exhibitors over the 31 years since the sale was organized.

"The commitment of the buyers helps make the Sale of Champions the top youth livestock sale east of the Mississippi River," Chrestman said. "Animals bring considerably more than the market value because the buyers are there primarily to support quality youth." Buyers come from many organizations, businesses and backgrounds. Last year's champion and reserve champion steers, hogs and lambs were sold to representatives from Frierson Building Supply in Jackson, Ergon, Blue

Cross/Blue Shield, Wilson Slaughter House in Crystal Springs, McRae Foundation, and Jackson-area Ford dealers including Gray-Daniels Ford, Watson Quality Ford and East Ford Dealership.

Alton McRee, chief executive officer for the Federal Land Bank Association of South Mississippi, said they have a long tradition of supporting the Sale of Champions.

"The sale allows Federal Land Banks to support two areas we feel strongly about: youth and agriculture," McRee said. "Buyers can provide direct support to programs that develop character and produce leaders. A lot of what 4-H and FFA stand for is leadership development."

McRee, himself an alumni of the Clarke County 4-H livestock program, said many of the youth set the money aside for

their college education or put it back into their livestock programs.

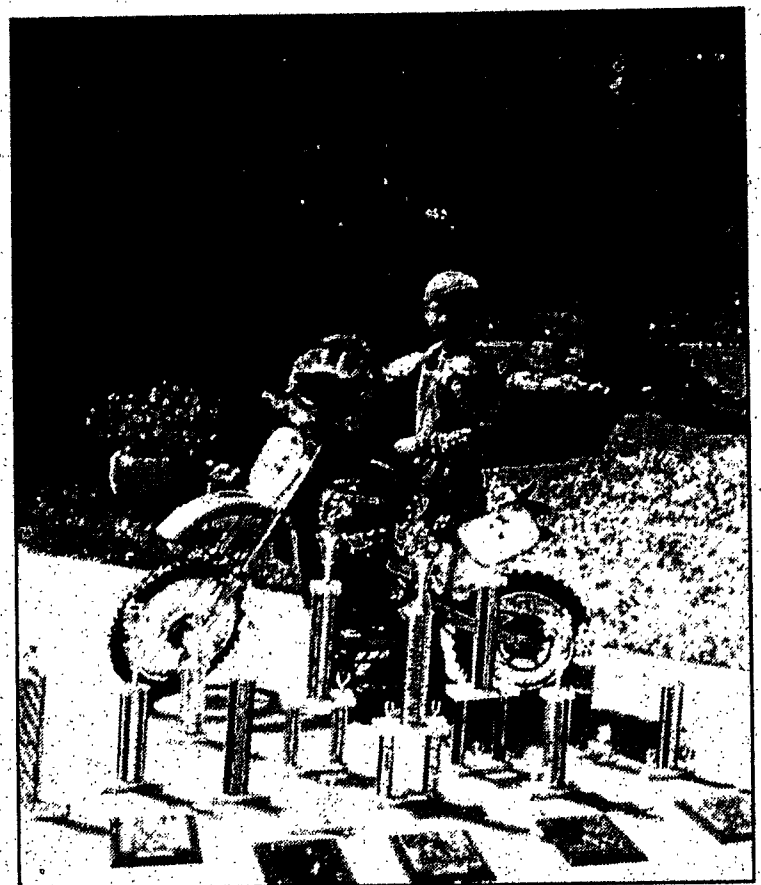
In recent years, the Sales Committee has provided additional \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors who took part in the livestock show but did not qualify for the sale.

David Waide, president of Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, is chairman of the Sales Promotion Committee. His committee's goal is to attract more buyers and sponsors to the sale.

"Anything we can do to keep youth involved in agriculture will benefit our state and ultimately our country," Waide said.

"Sponsors help cover the costs related to the sale and fund the scholarships. Buyers and sponsors show their commitment to the community and state through their involvement."

Motocross Champ



Motocross champion Howard K. Dilley Jr., 10, recently won yet another in a long string of races across Mississippi, Florida and Louisiana.

10-year-old puts petal to the metal

Howard K. Dilley Jr., 10, recently added to his enormous collection of trophies and plaques won from racing Motocross in Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana.

His father, Howard Dilley Sr., who works at Wellman Plastics Pearl River Plant in Pearlman, doubles as his coach and mechanic and makes sure Howard leads a balanced life.

Howard rides a Kawasaki KX-60 1999 model bike.

In addition to his racing prowess, Howard is an excellent student at North Bay Elementary, having received both perfect attendance and numerous Terrific Kid of the Month awards.

He also has a seven-year-old brother, David, who is following in his footsteps, both as a racer and student.

HeARTS Against AIDS Benefit planned for Feb. 10

Mississippi HeARTS Against AIDS presents its 9th annual Art Auction and Valentines Dance, Saturday, Feb. 10, beginning at 7 p.m. at Hal & Mal's Restaurant in downtown Jackson.

The all-volunteer, non-profit HeARTS seeks to provide financial assistance and increase acceptance and understanding for those affected by HIV/AIDS as well as to promote education concerning prevention.

Since its inception, the organization has raised \$400,000 in its ongoing commitment to assist AIDS service organizations in Mississippi.

The majority of funds are raised through a silent and live action held each year at the annual Valentines auction and dance.

Following two years at the North End, the benefit returns this year to its original home, Hal & Mal's at 200 South Commerce Street.

Michael Brann, chairman of this year's event, attributes HeARTS' success to the volunteer committees and the gen-

erosity of artists, who donate works and the supporters who purchase them.

"William Dunlap, Wyatt Waters, Yvette Strugis, Andy Young, H.C. Porter, Clennay Tutor, Anthony DiFatta and Lea Barton are but a few of the artists whose contributions have made such an impact on our fund-raising efforts," Brann said.

In addition to the artists, the contributions of many other individuals and groups assure a special evening.

"Larry McCool returns this year as our auctioneer," said Sheila James, assistant chair. "It wouldn't be a HeARTS auction without Larry's continued support, encouragement and great humor."

James also points to the contributions of area restaurants and caterers whose donations provide a generous array of appetizers and desserts.

Musical guests this year include Hunter and the Gators and special guest Larry Brewer as well as other popular Mississippi musicians.

"We look to Hunter, Larry, and Hal & Mal's Malcolm White as special partners in this endeavor."

They are among the friends who have supported us from the beginning and make it possible for us to return each year," Brann said.

Each year HeARTS dedicates the event to an individual or organization who has made a special contribution to helping Mississippians living with HIV and AIDS.

This year's honoree is Cheryl L. Hamill, RN, AIDS nursing coordinator at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. An HIV/AIDS educator for more than ten years,

Hamill is the Resource Center director of the Delta Region AIDS Education and Training Center.

Recent achievements include national Chair of Chapter Committee for the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care and founding member of the Mississippi AIDS Assembly.

One of HeARTS most successful means of visibility has

been through its annual T-shirt commission featuring art by popular Mississippi artists.

Recent T-shirts were designed by Candy Cain, Lynn Green Root and Lea Barton. This year's work was donated by Anthony DiFatta.

Following brisk sales at the recent Chimneyville Crafts Show, the shirts, featuring DiFatta's design, will be on sale the night of the benefit.

The doors open at 7 p.m. for the silent auction.

The live auction will commence at approximately 9 p.m. with the Valentines Dance immediately following at 10:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 per person and may be purchased at all three Jackson BeBop shops and at the door the night of the event.

Students (with valid i.d.) will be admitted at the door for \$15 per person. In addition, \$15 tickets are available for all patrons, at the door only, after 10 p.m.

For information, call 601-366-7351.

Obituaries

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of Bay St. Louis, and Joyce A. Strong of Pensacola, Fla.; 30 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Monday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Services were conducted Tuesday in the funeral home chapel with burial in Gardens of Memory Cemetery.



LESTER WIESE, III

Lester Wayne Wiese, III, 15, of Kiln, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, in Kiln.

Lester was a native of Mobile, Ala. and a resident of Kiln for the past four years. He attended Hancock Middle School.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Bernice Waldrop.

Survivors include his parents, Lester and Tammy Wiese, Jr. of Kiln; two sisters, Rebekah and Katherine Wiese, both of

Kiln; his grandfather, Lester Wiese, Sr. of Kiln; and his grandmother and stepgrandfather, Tony and Katherine Ward of Magnolia Springs, Ala.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A prayer service will be conducted today, Feb. 1 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home chapel.

Interment will follow in Standard Sandhill Cemetery in Kiln.

ROBERT WILLIAMS JR.

Robert C. Williams Jr., 58, of Marrero, died Friday, Jan. 26, 2001.

Mr. Williams was a native of Bay St. Louis and a resident of Marrero for the past 33 years.

He was the husband of Grace Doucet Williams; father of Melissa Percle, Dawn Williams, Robert Clarence Williams II and Louis K. Williams; father-in-law of Jewel B. Williams, Michael A. Ordoyne and Gary Percle; son of the late Mary Lorena McCarty Williams and Robert C. Williams Sr.; brother of Loretta Toups, Roberta Williams Clark, Mary L. Williams and Maria L. Ramond. Survivors include five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Monday, Jan. 29, in the chapel of Mothe Funeral Homes in Marrero. Interment was in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family prefers masses.

Taylor announces water loan for Hancock County

U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor announced the Leetown Water Association serving Hancock County has been awarded a water and waste disposal loan from the Rural Development Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The Leetown Water Association will receive a \$1,477,600 low interest loan for 40 years at 4.50 percent interest. Taylor said, "I'm very pleased to announce this loan. Improved water for the people of South Mississippi is one of my highest priorities in Congress."

Taylor said the Rural Development loan will be used to form a new water system that will provide 700 Hancock County residents with a dependable and safe drinking water supply.

According to USDA, many individually owned wells in the area have failed or are in decline.

This area of Hancock County has also had a significant population increase over the past several years.

Taylor also noted that persistent drought conditions in the region have increased the need for dependable access to water.

John M. Lee is the president of the Leetown Water Association.

Events at King's Corner Outreach

King's Corner Christian Outreach and Coffeehouse at U.S. Hwy. 90 West at Waveland will feature minister Chris Savoca of Chekinah Events this Friday, Feb. 1, beginning at 7 p.m.

Also featured Friday will be singer/guitarist Billy Petry, who plays at King's Corner every Thursday and Friday night. All are welcome.

St. Paul school registration

Saint Paul Catholic School, 151 East Scenic Drive, Pass Christian, is now accepting registration for the 2001-2002 school year.

Registration is open for all students entering 3- and 4-year

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National Forests in Mississippi schedules job fairs

National Forests in Mississippi will be conducting 14 job fairs statewide to advertise the more than 60 new fire positions, which will be added to the forest over the next two years. The job fairs are scheduled throughout the month of February.

In December of last year former President Clinton signed legislation to hire approximately 3,500 employees in firefighting positions in the agency nationwide.

The legislation was introduced as part of the National Fire Plan that came in the wake of a devastating fire season in fiscal year 2000.

National Forest fires burned a record 7.3 million acres nationwide, including over 5,000 acres on the National Forests in Mississippi.

According to Forest Supervisor Gerry Farmer, the job fairs are being held to reach

a broad range of candidates for the new positions which will help the forest maintain their program for fire suppression and prescribed fire.

Job applications will be available at each of the job fairs and Forest Service personnel will be there to assist interested candidates with questions about the applications and the new positions.

Farmer further stated that the new initiative is certainly welcome in the state. "We have been shorthanded for a number of years. This program will give us an opportunity to increase our ranks and to support our other federal, state and private cooperators throughout the state," said Farmer.

Mississippi's 60-plus positions are all expected to be permanent. Nationally, up to 1,000 of the positions will be permanent while the rest will be temporary or seasonal, lasting up to

six months per year.

In Forest Service Region 8, which has 13 states, including Mississippi, 277 positions are available. Five of those positions are slated for students.

Applications must be postmarked by March 16, 2001. Applicants must be U.S. citizens 18-35 years old and may have to pass a physical fitness test.

Applications and additional information regarding the new firefighting jobs are available at <www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs>

Individuals can request applications via an automated, toll-free telephone number, (877) 813-3476; by e-mail, fsjobs@fs.fed.us, or by visiting their local Forest Service office. Applications can also be obtained by visiting a local Employment Service Office.

For more information about positions slated for the National Forests in Mississippi, contact Robert Heinsch, fire management officer, at (601) 965-4391.

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2/06, 5-7 p.m. Orange Grove
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Meadville Library-Meadville
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Tourism conference set for Feb. 4-7 in Jackson

The Governor's Conference on Tourism, the state's annual hospitality and tourism conference, is scheduled for Feb. 4-7 at the Hilton Jackson in Jackson.

Hosted by the Mississippi Tourism Association (MTA) and the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) Division of Tourism, the event is expected to attract more than 350 hoteliers, convention and visitors bureaus, restaurateurs and other industry leaders from across the state.

"As the voice of the Mississippi Hospitality Industry, we are excited about this year's conference theme, *On Location in Mississippi*, reflecting changes brought on by the continued growth in movie productions and the new

administration," said Ray Phillips, president of MTA.

Speakers will address key issues relating to the tourism industry, including topics such as how to stage successful events, golf marketing, working with production companies, working with the media, and increasing web site traffic. The Governor's Awards luncheon will begin Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 11:30 a.m.

Tourism was a \$6.1 billion business in Mississippi last year and was responsible for an estimated 94,100 jobs. MDA's Division of Tourism promotes Mississippi as a destination for business and leisure travel, retirement, operates the state's welcome centers, and includes the Mississippi Film Bureau.

Emeril Lagasse signed as Whitney spokesman

Whitney National Bank announced it is "kicking things up a notch" by signing longtime customer Chef Emeril Lagasse as spokesperson for the bank.

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USM accounting workshop

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This "hands-on" computer workshop is for anyone interested in learning how to use the accounting software, Peachtree, and will cover general usage of the software, creation of business records, and usage of records and software to manage the financial activities of a small business. Dr. Stan Lewis, CPA and USM professor, will be the instructor.

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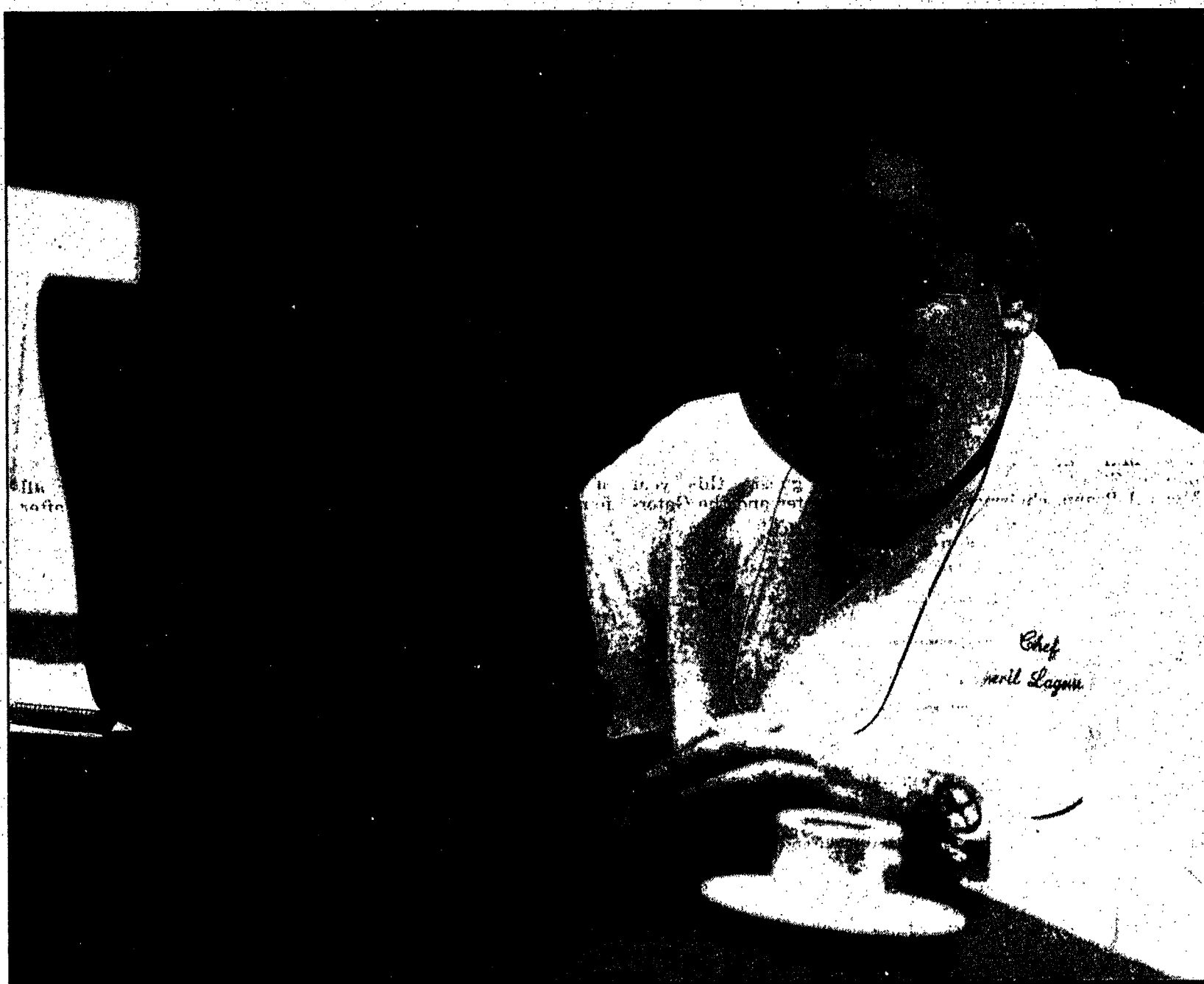
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1 BEDROOM COMPLETELY FURNISHED, Jourdan River Waterfront apartment off 603. Pet-free, \$400/month, \$200/deposit. 255-1264.

1 BEDROOM EFFICIENCY, all electric, heat/air, carpet, stove, refrigerator, water included, 100 "E" Blaize Ave., B.S.L. \$300/month, \$200/deposit. 467-0043, 467-3935.

1 BEDROOM ON TWIN BAYOU NEAR 603, B.S.L. Deep water, boat mooring. \$595 all utilities pd. 467-0524.

2 BEDROOM APT. FOR RENT. 467-9278.

SPECIAL \$85⁰⁰ MOVES YOU IN
CALL US ABOUT OUR 1, 2, 3 SPECIAL
GULF GROVE APARTMENTS
(228) 467-3122

B.S.L. OLD TOWNE 2/BR, 2/BA, Large Apartment in house. Cen. A/H, built-ins, refrigerator, w/d, cable T.V. utilities included. References. \$675/mo. 466-0554.

BAY ST. LOUIS 1 BEDROOM, newly renovated. Central air/heat, water paid, washer/dryer furnished. \$395/month. 201 S. Necaise. 467-2053.

BSL CUTE 1/BR. COTTAGE \$375/mo. water sewage lawn paid. Discount to seniors. 263-7368.

CHARMING 1 AND 2 BEDROOM APTS. Near beach. 467-6742.

FURNISHED WATERFRONT APARTMENT, includes: electric, cable, telephone, water, sewer, trash pick-up. \$175/wk. + deposit. 463-0038.

LARGE 1/BR. COTTAGE, FURNISHED, boat-dock, pool, near Casino Magic. \$525/month. \$300/deposit. 467-5628 or 388-4501.

NICE 3/BR, 2/BA, TOWNHOUSE WITH patio. \$585/mo. 467-3388.

OAK PARK APARTMENTS IN Waveland 2 bedroom apartments at \$495. Call about our specials plus 10% off seniors 55 and over. 467-6882.

ONE BEDROOM COMPLETELY FURNISHED, cable. Call 467-8245.

ONE BEDROOM GARAGE APT., CERAMIC tile, floor, electric heat/air, carport. \$400/month \$200/deposit. 467-1605.

SIGNATURE LAKE APARTMENTS. Finally a 1/br. apartment home available. Call about free rent. 452-9901.

SPACIOUS APT. HWY 603 B.S.L. 1, 2, or 3 bedrooms available now! From \$395-\$575 monthly, deposit equals rent. 1-888-545-2111.

WATERFRONT 1500 SQ.FT. Large living room, dining room, 2 bedrooms, lots of closets. All kitchen appliances, large deck. \$550/month plus deposit. 467-1982.

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Mobile Homes For Rent

1999 16X80 TRAILER, 3 BEDROOMS, 2 baths, large living room, brand new. In quiet trailer park in B.S.L. Possible rent to own. \$650/monthly. 255-5400, 342-0182.

2/BR 1/BATH TRAILER FOR RENT in the Kiln. Pet-free environment. 255-9397.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

MOBILE HOME IN KILN, 3/BR, 2/BA, \$500/mo. Includes lot rent, water, & trash pick-up. \$250 deposit, ready Feb. 1st. 504-781-6165.

NICE TRAILER FOR RENT, UTILITIES paid, \$125 deposit, \$125 week. 466-0315.

NICE TRAILER FOR RENT: PET-FREE. 467-0853.

TWO BEDROOM, ONE BATH MOBILE home, \$375/month, \$250/deposit. 255-7431, or 324-9230.

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Mobile Homes For Sale

1986 BRIDGEWOOD 14X52 PARTIALLY furnished, good condition, \$5,000. 228-255-7611.

INSURANCE FOR YOUR MOBILE HOMES: Best prices on the coast. Easy monthly payments. Call Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607 or 467-1152.

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Unfurn. Houses Rent

1/BR, 1/BA, COTTAGE BY DEPOT. \$380/MO. a/c, "pet-free". Beeper 1-888-815-9541. Local 466-4425. Available Feb. 1st.

2/BR, 1BA, AIR/HEAT, FENCED YARD, cute 1,000 sq.ft. house. \$475/month, \$300/deposit. References. 466-0554, daytime.

3 BEDROOM, 3 BATH, VERY LARGE HOUSE in Waveland. Many extras. 504-392-7126.

ALMOST NEW HOUSES FOR LEASE, in Diamondhead. Both 3/2 high ceilings, clean & nice. 986 Kaimuki Ct. \$875 and 9810 Kiamuki Ct. \$950. Call 255-7702.

BAYSIDE PARK 2/BR, 1/BA, KITCHEN appliances, w/d hook-ups, large shaded lot. \$465/mo. + \$400/deposit. 225-673-5818.

BAYSIDE PARK, AVAILABLE FEB. 1ST. 3/br, 1 1/2/ba, fenced in yard, fireplace, gazebo. \$550/dep. \$550/mo. Section 8 welcome. 504-362-0065.

COUNTRY LIVING KILN/DELISLE EXIT, 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bathrooms, \$700. monthly + deposit. 864-9427 493-5880.

DIAMONDDHEAD 4 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 1 story brick home w/converted 20X30 garage, 1/2 workshop, 1/2 rec. room, 10ft. ceilings, ceramic tile, Berber throughout. Patio, deck, 2500 sq.ft. home for lease. \$1,275/month. 228-255-6926.

DIAMONDDHEAD: 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, great room, den, washer/dryer, fireplace, very clean. Pet-free environment \$825/month plus deposit. 467-7345.

DIAMONDDHEAD: FROM \$750-\$1200 per month. Sell & Save Discount Realty. 255-6535.

FOR LEASE: NEW 3BR, 2-1/2 bath duplex, B.S.L. \$850/month, 3BR/1-1/2 Bath, Waveland, \$650/month, 2BR, 1BA in the County, \$550/month. 3BR, 2BA in Diamondhead, \$675/mo. Call Charli @ Century 21 McIntyre-Happ, 467-3777.

FOR RENT: 3BR, 2BA, HOUSE ON water. Very nice, pet-free. Shoreline Park, \$700/month, \$500/deposit. Call 228-533-7614 or 806-3828.

FOR RENT: JUST REMODELED 2/BR, 1/BA, large den, fenced yard, cen. ac/heat, workshop, pet-free, \$500/mo. + deposit. Near beach, close to old Jubilee Casino. Day 601-798-5720 Night 228-466-3151.

HOUSE FOR RENT: 1 BDRM 11/2 BLOCKS from beach, newly remodeled, appliances included. \$500/month \$450/deposit. 466-2671 leave message.

LARGE 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, Bay St. Louis, 1 block to bay. Central ac/heat. \$500/month, \$400/deposit. Also 2br, 1ba duplex Old Town. \$450/mo. + deposit. One block from beach. Pet/smoke-free. Sallish Realty, 467-1380.

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA, FROM \$750 PER month. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

NICE 3/BR, HOME: CENTRAL H/A, carpet, 1-1/2/ba, shop & boat shed. \$700/mo. \$600/dep. 466-2777.

SMALL 2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, W/D hook-ups, screen porch. \$465/month, \$350/deposit. 467-5653.

SMALL 2/BR, 1/BA, AC/HEAT LARGE SCREENED porch garage workshop fenced yard pet-free 1/2 block from beach Clermont Harbor. \$500/mo. + deposit. Day 601-798-5720 Night 228-466-3151.

SPANISH ACRES: 3brdm/2bth, w/garage, central a/h, fridg. & stove, water included. Renter responsible for deposit. \$650/rent plus electricity. 466-4361 after 5:30 weekdays, anytime weekends.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

Two bedroom house for rent. Call for info. 467-9278.

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Lots/Acreage

40 ACRES HANCOCK COUNTY, Bayou LaCrosse. Fishing, hunting, timber investment. 228-467-6203.

DIAMONDDHEAD: 9.678 ACRES FOR sale. Development site for 164 units as Condominiums, Multi-family, or Retirement Housing Facility. Owner Financing Available. Ellis Realty Group, 102 West Beach Blvd. Pass Christian, MS 39571 (228)452-9999.

FOR SALE: Two lots, Bayside Park. Paved street, sewage available. Owner financing. \$3,900. Only \$100.00 down, terms to suit. 228-467-5734

LAND FOR LEASE, CATTLEMAN, FARMERS, & hunters. Ask for Andrew Lot. 861-8330.

LAND FOR SALE: 4 LOTS 100'X200' inside City limits. Paved street. 466-4787 or 467-4489.

MOBILE HOME LOTS, WAVELAND and Pass Christian area with well and septic. Owner financing. \$500/down. Call McKenzie Realty, 392-0039.

NICE BUILDING LOT: Waveland, quiet area, paved street, all utilities \$3,900. Owner financing available. Terms for your budget. 228-467-5734

TWO WATERFRONT LOTS: Cleared, nice area, Shoreline Park, paved street, sewage available. Owner financing. \$100.00 down, low monthly terms. 228-467-5734

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Commercial Property

DOCTOR OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE 1200 sq. ft. next to Hancock Medical Center. \$850/mo. 467-8392 467-5516.

FOR RENT: 1200 SQ. FT. COMMERCIAL building. Downtown Bay St. Louis. 586-2344.

FOR RENT: 215 HIGHWAY 90, WAVE- LAND. GOOD location, heavy traffic, small building. 504-286-3819 leave message on recorder.

OFFICE RENTAL SPACE HWY 90 Waveland, across from Hancock Bank & Our Shopping Center. \$475/mo. Call 467-0244.

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE: HWY 90 1200 sq. ft. Call 467-4437 467-5516.

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE SPACE FOR lease 804 Hwy 90 BSL. 1200 square feet. 467-4594.

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Houses For Sale

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, IN PEARLINGTON, for lease \$550 or for sale \$58,000. Owner to help with finance if needed. 504-392-4126.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, OLD CHICAGO brick with cathedral ceilings, 1700 sq. ft. & large landscaped fenced lot in Waveland. \$109,000. (228)806-1925.

New Custom Built

4 Bedroom Home

\$142,000 (2443 sq.ft.)

Located in exclusive

Idlewood Subdivision,

Waveland.

For appointment call:

Garcia & Sons Development

467-3601 (Philip) or

341-3601 (Jason).

New Construction

Vinyl siding, 3BR, 1.5BA, central

H/A. Walk to Gulfview School.

Minutes from beaches, shopping,

Tennis and Port & Harbor.

Asking \$68,500

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ALMOST NEW: 3/BR, 2/BA, IN Diamondhead. \$89,000 assumable. 255-6974.

FOR SALE: NEW 3/BR, 2/BA, BRICK home on 2 acres in Kiln Ms. Asking \$100,000. O.B.O. 601-749-0014.

159 Houses For Sale

HOUSE FOR SALE: 3 BEDROOM, 11/2 bath, near beach, appliances included. \$88,000. 228-467-1668.

I WILL PAY TOP \$ FOR YOUR PROPERTY, any condition. Will pay all closing cost. Agents protected. O/A. (504)908-7653

INSURANCE FOR YOUR HOME: CALL Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607 or 467-6004.

LARGE HOME IN EXCELLENT condition. 6br., 2ba, w/formal dining room, large kitchen, carpet & ceramic tile. Located in Bay St. Louis, near beach, addition adjoining lots available for separate sale. Shopping and much more. Call #s 1-228-586-0702, 1-228-493-5456, leave message.

OWNER FINANCE: NEW CONSTRUCTION, jacuzzi tub, hardwood floors ceramic tile, cathedral ceilings & fireplace. 808 Faith St. \$85,000. \$8,000 down, notes \$693.29. Call Gold Coast Realty 467-4479 493-2679.

Public Notices

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

OPEN TO PUBLIC

No-Till Drill, 10' John Deere, 5 years old, needs some repairs sold as-is, no warranty. Sealed bids to be accepted at 16195 Hwy 603/43 Kiln, MS until 3:00 p.m. March 5, 2001. Bids will be opened by Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners at Kiln Field Office. Starting bid: \$2,500.00. 228-255-3225, fax 228-255-8382.

1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8/2001

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

No. 2001-014

Liters Testamentary having been granted on the 9th day of January, 2001, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned executors of the will and estate of Milton J. Ruth, deceased, in Cause No. 2001-014, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 9th day of January, 2001, Byron H. Ruth Executor

Frederick T. Hoff, Jr.
NEWTON AND HOFF, L.L.P.
2019 23rd Avenue
Post Office Box 910
Gulfport, Mississippi 39502
Telephone: (228) 693-5827
01/18, 01/25, 02/01/2001

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On-site sewage, low down payment, 10% interest up to 20 years! For more information, call PATSY DUBISSON, 467-0244.

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Quaint Old Town 2 bedroom Apartments.
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• 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, fenced yard, central air & heat, built in kitchen with appliances, \$650/month.

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227 Coleman Ave

Bay-Waveland Schools Docket of Claims

Public Notices

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

NOTICE OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE

Thursday, February 1, 2001
City of Waveland
301 Coleman Avenue
Waveland, MS 39576

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

On or about Friday, February 16, 2001, the City of Waveland will request the Mississippi Department of Transportation to release funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, amended, for the following project:

Proposed Project: The proposed project consists of the construction of an access road and drainage improvement to serve the proposed Wal-Mart SuperCenter development in the City of Waveland.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT: It has been determined that such a release of funds will not constitute an impact that will significantly affect the quality of the human environment and accordingly the City of Waveland has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (PL 91-190) for the project.

The reasons for such decision not to prepare such a statement are as follows: The proposed activities will have no adverse effect on the environment and the project will benefit the area residents by providing for the construction of an access road and drainage improvements to serve the proposed Wal-Mart SuperCenter development in the City of Waveland.

The Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting the within project has been completed by the City of Waveland, 301 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, MS 39576, which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the address listed above and is available for public examination and copying between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday thru Friday.

No further environmental review of this project is required to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

Public Comments of Findings

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Waveland, 301 Coleman Avenue P.O. Box 539, Waveland, MS 39576. Such written comments received prior to Friday, February 16, 2001 will be considered by the City of Waveland and the City will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the within project prior to the date of the proceeding sentence.

Objection to State Release of Funds

The State will accept an objection to its approval only if it is one of the bases for the objection. The objection must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures in 24 CFR Part 58 and may be addressed to Ms. Deborah Griffin, Planning Officer (attn: Frank Keady), Grants Management Office, Box 24628 Jackson, Mississippi 39228-4628.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those referenced above will be considered by the State. No objection received after Monday, March 5, 2001, will be considered by the State.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Space and Systems Command (SSC), as the Executive Agency for the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO), offers for public review the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and signed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) of the Space-Based Laser Integrated Field (SBLIF) Experiment Facilities construction and ground testing, a technology development program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has been a cooperating agency in the NEPA process. The EA assessed potential impacts to air quality, agriculture, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazardous materials and hazardous waste management, health and safety, land use and aesthetics, noise, socioeconomic conditions, transportation, utilities, water resources, and wetlands. The draft EA and signed FONSI were made available for public comment from September 10, 2000 through October 2, 2000. The EA and signed FONSI are posted on the following web site: <http://xlaa.bmd.mil/ea/>. Copies of the EA and FONSI are also available for review at the following locations: Bay St. Louis, MS: the Margaret Reed Crosby Library, P.O. Box 100, Bay St. Louis, MS 39560; Biloxi, MS: the St. Tammany Parish Library, Biloxi, LA; and the Maury Oceanographic Library, Stennis Space Center, MS. Requests for more information about the EA may be addressed to Adel Hashad, P.E., HQ SMC/AFV, 2420 Vela Way, Suite 1467, Los Angeles, CA 90045-4859. Telephone: (310) 363-0534, Fax: 1170, or e-mail to Adel.Hashad@smc.afm.af.mil. The document will be available from January 25, 2001 through February 23, 2001.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS, on the 1st day of May, 1998, Lynda D. Simmons, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust to Michael D. Haas, Jr., Trustee for National Bank of Commerce, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 512 at Page 722;

WHEREAS, by various assignments on record said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to Companion Mortgage Company, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, the assignee of the said Deed of Trust, which assignment is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 614 at Page 550;

WHEREAS, on the 7th day of December, 2000, the holder of said Deed of Trust, the undersigned, appointed John C. Morris, III, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 614 at Page 550;

AND WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned to sell the property secured by said Deed of Trust, to wit:

LOT 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, Block 219, BAYSIDE PARK SUBDIVISION, Unit 3, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per map or plat of said subdivision on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi;

I will convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee;

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 8th day of January, 2001.

JOHN C. MORRIS, III

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE

2204 LIBERTY, STE G

MOBILE, LA 71201

01/18, 01/25, 02/01, 02/08/2001

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on October 14, 1998, Daniel J. Remel and Vanessa R. Remel, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust to Mid-State Trust II, a business trust, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 512 at Page 722;

AND WHEREAS, the obligations under the terms of the Deed of Trust are secured by Tammya Simpson, by instrument recorded in Book B186, at Page 422-423, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi;

AND WHEREAS, this Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to Mid-State Trust VII, a business trust, by instrument recorded in Book B186, at Page 422-423, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi;

AND WHEREAS, default having been made in payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note and deed of trust, having requested the undersigned to sell the property secured by said Deed of Trust, to wit:

LOT 239, Silver Creek Acres, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 785, on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi;

I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee;

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this, the 10th day of January, 2001.

W. Stewart Robinson, Trustee

01/18, 01/25, 02/01, 02/08/2001

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BAY-WAVELAND MINISTORAGE, 926 HIGHWAY 90, WAVELAND, MISSISSIPPI 39576, WILL SELL TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF CHARLES BECK, WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS 409 WOODBRIDGE CIRCLE, SHELLELL, LA 70481. AN AUCTION SHALL TAKE PLACE AT 1:00 O'CLOCK P.M. AT BAY-WAVELAND MINISTORAGE, 926 HIGHWAY 90, WAVELAND, MISSISSIPPI 39576, ON THE 14TH OF FEBRUARY 2001.

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The following claims are listed in the Docket of Claims are presented for payment on the date 01/10/01

Postmaster, Postage 8.25; Maurice Davis and James Love, Officials 25.00 each; James Smith and Gil Roberts, Officials 50.00 each; Gary Yarbrough, Athletic Worker 24.00; Debbie Triplett, Change Fund 50.00; Nathaniel Faircrouneth and Jeff Baker, Officials 35.00 each; Carmen Labat and Shenna Ambrose, Athletic Workers, 14.00 each; Debbie Triplett, Change Fund 50.00; Gary Alexander and Nathaniel Faircrouneth, Officials 35.00 each; Carmen Labat and Shenna Ambrose, Athletic Workers, 14.00 each; Debbie Triplett, Change Fund 50.00; MASBO Expo, Spec. Billie Arnold, Koertner Reg. 70.00; Budderklupp & Co. Supplies 170.00.

Mont-Carver Plumbing, Advance Payment 1,800.00; Lou Monte, Jackson Mileage 133.75; Pat Rich and Allen Palmer, Officials 55.00 each; Aaron Wilson and Ole Chichkanov, Officials 70.00 each; Debbie Triplett, Change Fund 50.00; Nathaniel Faircrouneth and Jeff Baker, Officials 35.00 each; Carmen Labat, Official 14.00; Shenna Ambrose, Athletic Worker 14.00; Debbie Triplett, Change Fund 50.00; Everett Payton, Official 25.00; Jeff Baker and Pat Foster, Officials 60.00 each; Gary Yarbrough, Athletic Worker 24.00; Debbie Triplett, Change Fund 50.00; Irene Amos and Reginald Godette, Officials 25.00 each; Gary Alexander and Lawrence Hatfield, Officials 60.00 each; Gary Yarbrough, Athletic Worker 24.00; Debbie Triplett, Change Fund 50.00; Nathaniel Faircrouneth, Henry Farmer and Gil Roberts, Officials 60.00 each; Julius Rivera, Official 50.00; James Smith and Phil Wolfe, Officials 60.00 each.

Gary Yarbrough, Athletic Worker 48.00 and 48.00; Debbie Triplett, Change Fund 50.00; Jeff Ulmer, Oliver Bracks and William Hardy, Officials 50.00 each; Rebecca Mayfield, Official 60.00; Gary Alexander and Eugene Finckley, Officials 35.00 each; Gary Yarbrough, Athletic Worker 48.00 and 40.00; Debbie Triplett, Change Fund 50.00; Nathaniel Faircrouneth, Official 60.00; Oliver Bracks, Official 50.00.

50.00; Larry Sims, Official 60.00; Joseph Davis, Official 50.00.

Gary Yarbrough, Athletic Worker 32.00 and 32.00; Debbie Triplett Change Fund 50.00 and Coach's Lounge Supplies 100.00; Glen Meranto, Official 25.00; Terri McSwaney, Private Carner 221.00; Marca Boyer, Gulfport Reg. 75.00; Chandler-Sampson Ins. 5,587.00; Land Shaper, Inc. Asphalt 83,780.52; Sea Coast Echo, Adv. 220.40.

Kelly Services, Teacher Sub Pay 1,165.95; 4,151.72 and 2,923.22; Dominica Favre, Supplies 7.96; Completion Engineering, Fees 1,262.50 and 835.00; City of BSL, Balance Due 819.60; Debow Cox, Jackson Mileage, Meals 141.80; Sea Coast Echo, Adv. 40.00; Serve Publications, Supplies 22.40; Lightning Outlets Signs, Scoreboards 785.00; School Specialty/Beckley Candy, Gym 1,498.98.

Microwaves, Alternative School 1,771.43; William Glasser Inc., Supplies 14.00; PC Connection, Library 1,348.00 and 37.80; School Specialty/Beckley Candy, Gym Floor covering 9,996.48; Office Depot, Marine Biology Gattina 199.99; Office Office Solutions, Maint. 165.00; Science Kit & Boreal Lab, Lathrop 312.17; Office Depot, L. Reed 43.98; Sportman's Corner, Girls Track 26 and Boys Track 127.00.

Grolier Educational Corp., Library 565.00; S&L, Office Library 192.95; Follett Library Book Co., Waveland Library, 1,045.01; Sportman's Corner, Softball 411.25; Science Kit & Boreal Lab, Gattina 30.00; School Specialty Service, Poland 116.42.

Office Depot, Gattina 109.95 and Mesa 65.97; Miss. Music, Band 1,490.00; Ikon Office Solutions, Supplies 220.00; D'Neville High School, Entry Fees 75.00; Ikon Office Solutions, Maint. 378.00; School & Carnival Supply, Defense 497.89; LMI, Music 263.80; Quill Corp., Library 82.84 and Supplies 128.50; Coast Printing, Supplies 15.00; Kmart, Supplies 25.47; Office Depot, Projectors 389.97; Marietta Murray, Hburg 66.60; Hancock Bank Leasing, Payment 175.87; Hancock, Nobilit, Jackson Mileage/Reg. 202.50; Katherine Wilson, Special Ed 75.00.

Gopher Sport, PTO 678.77 and 271.86; Popplers Music Store, PTO 179.55; Sax Arts & Crafts, Cuevas 333.69; Christus Music, PTO 31.14; Dick Block, PTO 461.40; Joseph Butlers, Travel 73.78; Waveland Water & Chlorium 108.69; Sportman's Corner, Baseball 439.30; Rick's Trophies, Athl. Awards 211.93.

School Specialty/Beckley Candy, Marine Biology, Gattina 1,021.93; NASCO, Marine Biology, Gattina 1,109.34; Richard Flowers, Irene Koskan, Cleveland Williams, Bryan Griffith and Barbara Boston, 2000 Diem 200.00 each.

Hedden Brooks & Garland, Notary Comm. Renewed 72.00; Cellular South, Cell Phones 254.60. R. R. Morrison, Fuel 193.43; Bell South, Phone 578.57; Coastal Security Services, Maint. 115.00; Metrolac, Phone 56.13; Coast Electric Power 3,075.04; Lonnie's Locksmith, Maint. 51.00; Wasie Management, Maint. 1,625.00.

Mont Electric, Maint. 15.60 and 6.65; Hancock Bank, Payment 177.19; South Miss. Business Machines, Copier 162.00; Magnolia Steel Co., Supplies 95.00; Home Depot, Supplies 426.53; Discount Tire Spot 392.00; Cuevas Electric Heater & A/C, Repairs 87.00.

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dempsey Court, Jackson 150.00; Kay Giebel, Lodging, Meals 103.81; Debbie Johnson, Mileage, Meals 67.20; Denise Barter, Meals 24.60; AT&T 11.68; Miss. Mentoring Network, Dempsey Registration 100.00; MASCO, Dues Cox 20.00; Miss. Power Co. 15.46; Jeanette Bole PhD, Fees 2,280.00; R. R. Morrison, Fuel 54.28; Franklin Covey Client Sales, Supplies 34.40.

Modern Curriculum Press, Dietrich 125.55; School Specialty Supply, Sapp 31.35; Great Source Education Group, Sapp 140.81.

School Specialty Supply, Boles 155.69; Sav-A-Child, Supplies 132.75; Kmart, Supplies 27.53; Iken Insitute, Supplies 23.45; T. D. Curran Inc., Supplies 69.00; The St. Francis Academy, 7,801.14; Gulf Coast Medical Center, 6,500.00; Kathryn J. Bush PhD, Fees 1,400.00 and 1,000.00; June Reeves, Mileage Gulf Oaks 292.50.

Theresa Kitchum, Fees 1,495.00; Nancy Wheeler, Fees 180.00 and 1,320.00; June Reeves, Gulf Oaks Mileage 409.50; Angela Gae Campbell, Fees 135.00; Gulf Coast Medical Center, 4,610.00.

Coastal Therapy Services Inc., Fees 1,600.00; South Mississippi Business Machines, Maint. 22.00; Bell South, Phone 52.08 and 44.89; Andy Loup, Supplies 22.81; Mary Kaye Jones, Supplies 135.36; Terry Cuevas, Maint. 120.00; AT&T, Phone 8.41; Bell South, Phone 42.80; Southern Pipe, Supplies 12.07.

Joseph Butlers, Travel 73.78; Waveland Water & Gas Dept. 1,437.43; Avaya Communications, Phone 39.30; Nordan Smith, Supplies 24.75; Pitco Inc., Maint. 1,690.67; Laidlaw Transit Inc. 44,517.00 and 5,000.00; W. A. McDonald, Supplies 541.07; R. R.

Morrison, Fuel 105.53 and 151.36.

AT&T 10.82; R. R. Morrison, Fuel 113.64; AT&T 17.70; Kelly Services, Teacher Sub Pay 3,589.54; Dino Tencio, Travel 89.72; Newell Paper Co., Supplies 659.99; Burge Fencing, Repair, Maint. 2,218.00; Wayne Purl, Travel 88.66; School Specialty/Beckley Candy, Marine Biology Furniture 6,669.47; Novell, Tech 5,837.50; Quill Corp., Maint. 233.42.

DECA Images: Marketing Bruce 390.82; Market/Career Paths, Marketing Bruce, 1,102.03; ComputerShop, Supplies 350.00; Gateway 2000, Computer/Cel. Perfs. 7,109.00; Micro Warehouse, Supplies 581.97.

PC Connection, Supplies 929.00; Hancock Bank, Note 76,149.98; Ameripride, Maint. 52.60 and 238.08; Utilities of BSL, 5,212.55; Ikon Office Solutions, Maint. 165.00; Sandra Reed, Gport Mileage 24.70.

Donna Jones, Gulfport Reg. 75.00; R. R. Morrison, Fuel 19.70; Laidlaw Transit, Student Travel 73.13 and 1,049.44; 247.56 and 420.00; Mont-Carver Plumbing, Maint. 402.07; Alpha Chemicals, Supplies 793.98 and 655.00; Franklin Covey, Supplies 57.56.

Nikon Co., Awards 97.50; Coastal Security Services: Fees 60.00; AT&T, Phone 19.64; Crumley Paper Co., Food/Supplies 6,680.38 and Commodities 94.86; Eastgrains Baking Co., Food 1,490.12.

Judy Produce, Food: 1,845.63; Judy Fletcher, Supplies 23.74; Kyur Corp., Maint. 75.00; Luvell Dairy Products, Food: 1,755.50; Merchants Packing, Commodities 17.46; Micro Warehouse, Supplies 793.98 and 655.00; Orkin Pest Control, Maint. 100.00; Pitco Inc., Maint. 393.77; The Merchants Co., Food 13,115.51; USM, Fees 500.00; Waste Management, Maint. 177.50.

Bell South 109.58; Ameripride, Maint. 22.48; June Reeves, Postage and Supplies 74.72; MSU, LEA Registration 125.00; Bell South 186.05; Theresa Kitchum, Prof. Fees 1,107.00; Laidlaw Transit, Student Travel 219.38; Ivy Fauntleroy, Postage Reimb. 69.83; Bell South 3,056.66 and 29.54; AT&T, Phone 2.98; Coastal 1 Hour Photo 55.00.

Southern Exposure, Yearbook 15.00; Elizabeth Bosarge, Mileage, 120.50; Marcella Sullivan, Fees 300.00; Deborah Ferguson, Fees 1,169.95; Garland Cuevas, Reimb. Gas 5.00; Butch Ouslaite, Ford Ranger 12,481.50; Mont Electric, Supplies 24.75; Bell South 110.93 and 274.76; AT&T 4.19, 165.59 and 4.01; Coast Electric 17,502.12; Sav-A-Center,

Supplies 146.15; Mont-Carver Plumbing, Supplies 5,919.80; Harcourt, Brace Jovanovic, Supplies 151.21; Buckley-Candy, Supplies 53.86; 53.86; 2000 Library 1,547.00; Miss. Music Inc., Band Instruments 14,051.00; PCI Life, Anderson 16.95.

PC Connection, Supplies 179.00 and 219.00; The Gale Group, Library 43.77; School & Carnival Supplies, Supplies 533.03; United States Postal Service, Postage 500.00; USM Reg. Service Center, Registration Benigno 130.00.

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TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY FUND

District Maintenance 132,672.49

Special Education 2,599.00

Special Education 1,000.00

Alternative School 280.81

Student Activity 5,336.92

Title III Goals 2000 Ed Act 132.75

Technology Library Challenge 113.76

School Food Service 25,965.48

Title I Low 2000 FY Project 01 8,412.22

EEF Building and Buses 12,925.07

EEF Textbooks and Other Ed Mat. 1,771.43

EEF Transport Operations & Maint 5,000.00

EEF Classroom Supplies & Ins. 1,846.55

Title II Eisenhower Reg 2000 309.53

Idea Part B 99/2000 3,707.39

Voc Educ Basic Fund 8,874.36

Voc Ed II Tech/Pre

Entertainment



Three Penny Opera

Casting has been completed for the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre production of the Three Penny Opera. The Last Broadcast, set for March 9-10 and 16-17. The musical by Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill has been adapted by director Ray Kutos as a radio broadcast which retains the characters and music of the German production of the 1930s. Members of the cast are, front row from left, Lann Owen, Richard Ehrbright and Bob Sellers; back row, David Chavers, Kyle Russell, Doc Touns, Sandy Higdon, Gary Taylor, Marby Shon, Dorlon Kutos and Martin Booda.

Discovery Center February events

In February, the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Gulfport continues to celebrate China and the opening of the new permanent exhibit, Celebrate the World We Share - China.

On Saturday, Feb. 3 at 2 p.m., explore the myths and legends of China with a magic trunk show.

In the Artist Studio, paint your way across the China sky while learning the legends of the dragon, tortoise, phoenix and the white tiger. Ongoing sessions.

Design a piece of Chinese jewelry using jade or turquoise with John Scranage on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. In the Artist Studio, shape a Chinese lotus flower using clay. Ongoing sessions.

Enjoy a performance with musicians playing ancient instruments, while our chorus and dancers delight visitors with a colorful demonstration of Chinese folklore on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 2 p.m.

In the Artist Studio, learn a special painting technique where patterns of brushstrokes

make "beautiful handwriting". Ongoing sessions.

Join artist Christ Johnson to hand-build a Chinese terra cotta soldier or mask on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 2 p.m.

Clay will be fired and picked up at a later date. Ages 8 and up, preregistration required, 897-6039 ext. 21.

In the Artist Studio, decorate a bat with Chinese folklore animals and flowers. Ongoing sessions.

Join Bear Cub Club every

Wednesday at 10 and 11 a.m.

Children five and under will enjoy striking up a band and parading in the museum Feb. 7; decorating a Valentine cookie and a special keepsake on Feb. 14; staying fit to music with Stuffed on Feb. 21; wearing a favorite color and painting on Feb. 28.

These activities are free. Unless otherwise noted, with membership or admission to the Discovery Center. For more information call 228-897-6039.

Mississippi Arbor Day celebration

Trees and South Mississippi go hand in hand like jelly to homemade biscuits. The all-familiar pine tree continues to form a major part of our economy and creates our lingering image of the Southern landscape. In appreciation of all trees and their continual silent contributions, we celebrate Arbor Day.

Volunteer groups and individuals of all ages are invited to celebrate Mississippi Arbor Day by planting trees at the Crosby Arboretum Interpretive Center in Picayune.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, beginning at 10:30 a.m., a special lecture followed by hands-on plantings will be conducted.

Cypress, sycamore, longleaf pine, and oaks will be just some of the trees to be planted into the Arboretum exhibits.

The trees are provided courtesy of a grant from the USDA National Tree Trust.

Volunteer are asked to bring work clothes and shovels, if possible, and be prepared to spend the day planting. Free lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Call the Arboretum office at (601) 799-2311, ext. 21 to register your group or for more information. The Crosby Arboretum Interpretive Center is located adjacent exit 4 of Interstate 59 in Picayune.

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Purple Snapper celebrates anniversary

The public is invited to help celebrate The Purple Snapper Gallery's first anniversary Saturday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Artists' demonstrations, refreshments, music by the band "Jane Doe" and lots of fun will be offered.

The Purple Snapper is located at 209 1/2 Main Street in Bay St. Louis. Call 467-7703 for information.

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